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MINNIE DUPREE.

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Minnie Dupree has made a remarkable impression by her interpretation of the difficult part of Claudine, the frail, consumptive wife, in *The Two Little Vagabonds*. The papers of Boston have waxed enthusiastic concerning Miss Dupree's portrayal of this poor, meagre, trembling little wanderer whose weak, failing frame holds a strength of devotion, a moral courage, and a self-sacrificing love beautiful in simplicity. The impersonation has been based upon no particular model, but is the result of weeks of pains taking work and studious preparation. A sketchy notion of the part was formed which grew as the lines were learned, and a close observation of consumptive patients made possible the pitiful hacking cough which adds so much to the picture of the sad little Claudine. Miss Dupree values as among the highest tributes paid to her performance the comment of a super at the dress rehearsal on the night before the play was first presented in this country. As she came off the stage, the super remarked to a companion: "Say, she's got a great cough. It couldn't have been better if she caught it in a hospital." One critic says: "So excellent a portrayal of such a role does not lie within the memory of the writer, and it might almost be said that the work of this actress entitles her to an individual page in the history of dramatic art on the American stage."

Miss Dupree is a San Francisco girl, who began her theatrical career in John A. Stevens's company in 1887, presenting *The Unknown and Passion's Slave*. In April, 1888, she scored a genuine success as Susan McCreery in *Held by the Enemy*, remaining in Gillette's play for three years. Engagements followed with *The Burglar*, *Cora Tanner*, *Nat C. Goodwin*, *For Fair Virginia*, *Burnham*, and *The Great North-west*. Last Spring, at Boston, she was seen at a matinee performance, when she made a success in the title-role of *Sweet Lavender*, and at a benefit for the *Woman's Press Club*, when she appeared in *Rosina Vokes's* part in *A Fantomine Rehearsal*, and originated the part of Dorothy in *Dorothy's Lovers*.

Miss Dupree's New York appearance as Claudine in *The Two Little Vagabonds* is awaited with interest by a host of admirers in this city.

SUIT ABOUT A COMIC OPERA TENOR.

The controversy between A. L. Wilbur, manager of the Wilbur Opera Co., also of the *Susie Kirwin* Opera Co., and Joseph W. Smith has excited considerable interest among those who know the parties and are at all familiar with the facts. A. L. Wilbur and *Susie Kirwin* claim to have made a forty week oral contract commencing Sept. 7, 1896, with Joseph W. Smith, to sing tenor in the *Susie Kirwin* Opera company, and that subsequently Smith contracted with the *Waite Comic Opera* company for the same season.

Wilbur came to Massachusetts with an Ohio injunction in September, and while the *Waite Comic Opera* company was playing at Salem, Mass., had papers served on Smith to appear at Boston, Mass., before the Superior Court there to show cause why he should not be enjoined in Massachusetts, as asked for by Wilbur on the strength of his Ohio injunction.

The hearing was held on Oct. 6 last, before Judge Sheldon, Smith being present with counsel and putting in a defence.

The court has handed down a decision refusing to grant the injunction in Massachusetts, dismissing the plaintiff's bill with costs.

CARL HALL ARRIVES FROM EUROPE.

Carl Hall, the renowned Bohemian violinist, arrived in this city on the steamship *Traze* last Wednesday. He is engaged to appear at twenty-five concerts under the management of Henry Wolfsohn, making his debut at the New York Philharmonic concert next Friday. Hall is an associate of Joachim in the Berlin Royal High School of Music, and Joachim's regard is attested by the fact that he has loaned to Hall for this tour the famous Stradivarius violin known as the "Red Strad," which was the gift of the city of London to Joachim on the occasion of his fiftieth jubilee. Hall is a large man, not yet forty years of age, and has won especial distinction for remarkable rendering of the difficult Beethoven and Tchaikovsky concertos.

THE ANNUAL BENEFIT OF THE ELKS.

The annual benefit performance in aid of New York Lodge 1, B. P. O. E., will be given at the Fifth Avenue Theatre next Thursday afternoon, when Meade Detweiler, grand exalted ruler of the order, will preside and speak. The programme as thus far arranged includes the sensational gun scene from *The Cherry Pickers*, an act from *Northern Lights*, a little comedy by Robert Hilliard and his company, a selection from Brian Boru, a bit from *The Gelsa* by Violet Lloyd and chorus, and a dance by Clara Fitzgerald. The flower booth in the lobby will be conducted by Grace Huntington, Lottie Gilson, Lillian Swain, Lizzie Derious Daly, Alice Grant, Madge Dean, Sibyl Johnstone and Katherine Howe.

EMMA BELL SUES JACOB LITT.

Emma Bell has sued Manager Jacob Litt to recover \$10,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained at Minneapolis on Oct. 5 while playing in *The War of Wealth*. In a certain scene a balcony should fall at a signal by the actress, but on the night in question the structure fell before the signal was given, and Miss Bell fell to the stage twenty feet below, breaking an arm and receiving other injuries. In this city last week, Manager Litt's counsel obtained an order directing that Miss Bell should submit to an examination before Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi and a referee. The actress's lawyers sought to have the order vacated, but Justice Smyth refused the petition.

TRACED BY THEATRE TICKETS.

The rooms of Joseph Elberg, down in Attorney Street, were ransacked last week by a sneak thief who went away with two hundred dollars' worth of goods, including two reserved seat tickets for the *Thalia* Theatre. Elberg remembered the numbers of his lost coupons, and took a policeman to the theatre, where Morris Greenberg and a young woman, who occupied the seats, were arrested. Greenberg said that he had purchased the tickets of a third person unknown.

DIAMONDS LOST AT THE FOURTEENTH ST.

Edith Knight Mollison, who plays Rada in *The Cherry Pickers* at the Fourteenth Street Theatre, lost a valuable diamond studded anklet during the matinee last Wednesday, and was feared that the jewels were swept out. Manager Augustus Pitou offered \$1,000 reward for the return of the property, which promptly reappeared. The stones are believed to be worth \$500, and Miss Mollison says they are heirlooms.

THORNTON ON TEMPERANCE.

James Thornton announces his intention to leave the stage at the close of the present season, and will thereafter devote himself to the task of lecturing on temperance and trying to make his bibulous fellow beings see the error of their ways and give up indulging in the cup that cheers first and then befuddles.

Some time ago it was announced that Thornton would do this, but it was thought to be a joke. It seems, however, that he has really made up his mind to make the change, and the outcome will be awaited with interest.

Thornton was interviewed by several papers in Boston last week, and in reply to questions, said: "Yes, it is true that I am about to leave the stage. I look forward eagerly to the time when I can enter on my new field of labor. I have during the past Summer undergone a complete change of heart, and it makes me shudder when I think of my past life and the bondage which I have happily escaped. I have banished liquor forever, and now my sole desire is to further the cause of temperance and keep young men out of the paths in which I have strayed."

"I am at work now studying the speeches of Gough and other noted temperance orators, and am outlining a method of lecturing with which I will reach the people as effectively as I do in the theatre. Of course, songs will be introduced, and I am now at work on them. In fact, I have composed several which I think will take well, and aid the cause greatly."

"I am a great believer in humor, and I shall introduce a good deal of it into my talks. I shall also have the advantage of drawing extensively from my own experience for examples with which to convince my hearers of the folly and wrong of the drink habit."

FIVE MINUTES AHEAD.

"Bill" Hall sends this unique specimen of advance agency:

"Here is a good press notice by a man from Blomack, North Dakota. He says that the agent was about five minutes ahead of the star, as they were traveling in wagons, and he was in the first wagon. The notice was handed in to the local paper for publication and published as handed in. Here it is:

"Hear to Night! Moore & Worth's Negro Minstrels. Come and see Willie Moore & Willie King the two laughing comedians. Will King the worlds greatest buck and wing dancer come and hear his latest hit song & dance. The advance agent has shown up & Moore will give you a 20-minute laugh in a 100 minutes. Mrs. Washington the lady buck and wing dancer, she has no equal the gold and silver songs will be sung tonight, we have the late Ole Bull known as Barnard Pines. Doors open at 7:30 Curtain rises a hour later."

"The agent also put out a 'snipe' stating that there will be a grand ball, open to the public, after the performance."

THE SUCCESS OF BRIAN BORU.

The success of Brian Boru has been so emphatic that arrangements are completed for it to remain at the Broadway Theatre until the second week of January, when it will go to Brooklyn, with a month in Boston and a month in Philadelphia to follow. Oiga Netherland made an offer for the English rights, but did not secure them, as has been stated, because Manager Fred C. Whitney intends to present the opera abroad on his own account. George Edwards, it is understood, is also anxious to secure Brian Boru for England.

The gallant militiamen of the Sixty-ninth Regiment rallied at the Broadway last Thursday evening, and applauded every bit of Brian Boru. The "Fighting Sixty-ninth," as must be known far and near, is an Irish regiment, and the flag of Old Erin was cheered aporously.

A NEW COMEDY FOR THE LYCEUM.

It is understood that one of the first plays to be presented this season by the Lyceum Theatre Stock company in this city is a new four act comedy entitled *Leonie*, by an author whose name is not yet to be made known. The scenes are laid, it is said, in Italy and in England, and the parts have been allotted to James K. Hackett, Frank R. Mills, Ernest Hastings, Joseph Wheeler, Jr., David Emer, Mary Manning, Katherine Florence, Mrs. Charles Walcott, and Elizabeth Tyrone.

ANIMALS TAKE AN OUTING.

A lion and a tyghuan escaped from their cages at the Winter quarters of the Barnum and Bailey shows at Bridgeport, Conn., last Wednesday. The tyghuan was easily recaptured, but the lion scared away Keepers George Conklin, Peter Carroll, and John Winner, and held high carnival in his building. A pack of great Dane dogs brought him to terms, however, after a sharp battle, and quiet was restored.

MR. SMITH HAS NOTHING TO SAY.

Harry B. Smith, who has returned from the preliminary road trip of *The Mandarin*, was asked yesterday for his version of the *Roth-De Anselio* Caliph imbroglio.

"I have nothing to say regarding the late Mr. De Anselio," said Mr. Smith. "I have always been a believer in the poetic aphorism: *De mortuis nil nisi bonum*."

THE FRAWLEY COMPANY COMING EAST.

J. Daniel Frawley has expressed his intention to bring his stock company to New York for a Spring engagement in several new plays. The Frawley company is already scheduled to tour as far East as Omaha, and it is believed that they will jump from that city to this instead of returning to the Pacific coast for a May date at San Francisco, as originally arranged.

MRS. HOYT ENCOURAGES FOOTBALL.

At the Star Theatre, Buffalo, last Saturday evening, during a performance of *A Black Sheep*, Ole Harlan presented to the football team of the University of Buffalo a handsome silver cup, the gift of Mrs. Charles H. Hoyt (Caroline Miskel). The boxes and orchestra were crowded with long-haired collegians who applauded to the echo Harlan's characteristic speech of presentation.

H. R. JACOBS BUYS A PLAY.

On Thursday last, Manager H. R. Jacobs received a cablegram from Frank Harvey, the English playwright, accepting his offer for *A House of Mystery*, recently produced at the Fourteenth Street Theatre in this city. Martin I. Dixon, Mr. Harvey's American representative, will at once organize a strong company to open in the play at the Queen's Theatre, Montreal, Nov. 16.

Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis reached Southwestern Limited of the New York Central,

PROFESSIONAL DOINGS.

H. E. ("Punch") Wheeler arrived in town last week with a large professional party that his



persuasion had induced to return to New York via the Lake Shore Railway system, of which Mr. Wheeler is the official passenger agent with an office in Chicago. The accompanying picture of Mr. Wheeler credits him with a moustache of which any man given to hirsute adornment may be proud. Mr. Wheeler's upper

lip was innocent of hair when he arrived here, but—and this will be happy news to those who enjoy his wit—he promises to remain in the city long enough to reproduce his moustache and make the picture authentic.

De Wolf Hopper broke all records at the Newark Theatre week ending Oct. 31.

Blaney's *A Boy Wanted* played Nov. 1 to the largest audience in the history of Litt's Grand Opera House, St. Paul.

O'Hooligan's *Wedding* played at Albany, Nov. 2, to standing room at both performances.

Frank Beal has signed with J. H. Davis and Company for Daniel Sully's *O'Brien* the Contractor.

An innocent Sinner will reopen at Montreal on Nov. 16.

The Gelsa road company will open at the Harlem Opera House on Nov. 23.

Mrs. Eleanor Mix, widow of the late J. K. Emmet, obtained a divorce at Denver, Oct. 30, from her second husband, William B. Mix.

Rachel Dean and Marion Ballou have joined Allen Willey's company, supporting *Nettie Bourne*.

Charles P. Brown's farce comedy, *The New Girl*, begins its tour this month.

Charles Frohman has donated the use of the Garden Theatre for a matinee in aid of the Night Refuge for Homeless Women, in Fifteenth Street.

Women subscribers are hereafter to have a voice in the control of the New York Symphony Orchestra.

H. O. Stubbs, a member of the Ninth Street Theatre Stock company, at Tacoma, Wash., has received notification from England that he has inherited \$216,000—a portion of his grandfather's estate.

The new American play, *The Road to Wealth*, will go on tour about the middle of November.

Boerbohm Tree's company for his American tour includes Kate Korke, Nina Boucicault, Marguerite Sylva, Frances Iver, James Taylor, Laurence Cautley, and Lionel Brough.

Fanny Gillette has been awarded by the Supreme Court a judgment for \$734, due as salary for services with *A Fair Rebel* in 1891. Rachel R. Mawson was the defendant.

The Bramblings opened for a week with J. W. Reagen's *Bells of Shandon* at Brooklyn, and were at once engaged for four weeks.

Carrie Huestis, late of De Wolf Hopper's company, is playing the soubrette part in *A Baggage Check*.

Mrs. Clara T. Vanre is slowly recovering after a serious illness at her mother's home, Cleveland, O.

Emma Dunn is successfully playing the part of Cely Tyler in *On the Mississippi*.

Ida Ashby has closed with the Lawrence Hanley company.

John Evans of Miss Philadelphia denies his reported engagement to Miss Reiden.

The Gaiety Big Burlesque company laid off last week, but will reopen at Euton, Md., on Nov. 12.

Mrs. Gus Kahn writes that her husband died of heart disease, and was only forty-four years of age instead of fifty as was reported. Mrs. Kahn has assumed charge of *The Land of the Living*.

Miss Philadelphia has not closed, as has been reported, and according to Manager Van Osten, has done a phenomenal business in the face of election excitement.

So Rice, who was last year with Amy Lee and Frank Doane, is now in advance of Bancroft, the magician.

Manager Butterfield says that business with Blaney's *A Baggage Check* has been very large in the East.

C. H. Kittredge has been engaged by Lorraine Hollis for *Barons of New York*.

Adele Ripout, of Buffalo, has joined the William Owen company.

S. T. Sz, the Chinese consul at New York, and his suite occupied a box at the first night of *The Mandarin*.

Josh E. Ogden has returned to the city.

Four large parties of women attended a single performance of *The Cherry Pickers* last week. Theatre parties of women without escorts are coming to be quite the rage.

Herbert Bancroft and William Knox, accompanied by Marie Booth Russell, will begin a starring tour this week in classical repertoire.

Under the Polar Star has caught on at Chicago, where it will remain for another fortnight, returning to this city at the Harlem Opera House.

Herbert Labadie has been obliged to postpone the opening of his *Faust* company, owing to the illness of Marie L. Labadie.

Robert Drouet and Mildred Balch were married at Philadelphia on Oct. 29.

The Lyceum Theatre Stock company commenced rehearsals at the theatre, Nov. 2. Fred Williams is the stage manager.

James J. Corbett and his company will appear in New York for the first time this season at the Grand Opera House on Nov. 30.

Ceri Ahrendt and Alexander G. Carleton have joined the Thomas W. Keene company.

John E. Henshaw and May Ten Brock begin a tour in *The Na-oos*, on Nov. 23, under the management of W. W. Randall. A large company is being secured.

The roster of the Asbey Gaiety Opera company, which opened its season at Round Brook, N. J., is as follows: Misses Chester, Beaude, Miller, Jeffrey, Wood, Goldberger, Ward, Hall, Asbey, Gordon, Fletcher, Messrs. White, Biddale, Le Mone, Hicks, Ross, Sheehan, Gibbons, Calberg, Asbey, Leslie. Professor Ludwig Hartzeberg, musical director; Tom Whyte, stage manager; C. Asbey, manager; Emma R. Stelner,

New York representative, Thirty-fourth Street and Broadway.

Walter Stetson has closed his engagement with the Lawrence Hanley company in *The Eighth Commandment*.

Leah Starr, who was dangerously ill of typhoid pneumonia, at Saratoga, has returned to her home in this city, and expects soon to resume work.

The roster of Hasty Brothers' *A Wild Goose Chase* includes Charles Hasty, Oris Hasty, William McGowan (manager); Billy A. Griths, William P. Sherman, Charles York, Bert Coffey, Charles A. Le Conte (agent); Alpha De Lloyd, Margaret Merton, Josephine Everett, Dolly Porter.

Edwin Wallace has been engaged by Wilton Luckaye to play *Francini*, the anarchist, and Professor Sterne in *Dr. Belgraff*.

The Floy Crowell Dramatic company rehearsed in Milford, Mass., for several days, and opened there last week in *Somebody's Daughter*. The management allowed both political parties to use their stereopticon for the display of returns on election night, and made many friends by the courtesy.

Harry C. Todd was awarded judgment at Batavia, N. Y., Oct. 16, for salary owed him by E. V. DeFinger in September, 1894, when Todd managed Arthur Sidman in *A Summer Shower*.

A. W. F. MacCollin has been engaged as stage manager for the Castle Square Opera company at Philadelphia.

Ada St. Claire, contralto, late with Joe Ott's *Star Gazer* company, has signed with The Flints.

A young domestic in the household of Robert L. Cutting, husband of Minnie Seligman, was arrested last week in this city, charged with stealing \$50 in cash, a purse, and other things from Mrs. Cutting. The stolen articles were found in the servant's room. Last Friday, in court, the justice severely lectured the girl upon the error of her ways, and sentence was suspended.

May Irwin, presenting *The Widow Jones*, was cordially received at the Grand Opera House last week. She sang her old favorites, "The New Rally" and "The Hic-Lo," as well as several new melodies. John C. Rice, Joseph W. Sparks, and A. A. Lewis are all clever, and the rest of the company contribute to a decidedly amusing performance.

Ralph P. Lewis and Charles Sinclair are engaged for *The Rojahl*.

Theresa Milford closed with Aiden Benedict's *Fabio Romani* on Oct. 17.

A gas explosion and fire in a dressing room at Hot Springs, Ark., Oct. 31, about 5:30 p. m., endangered the effects of the Coote and Long company, but was quickly suppressed. A stage carpenter was injured.

During his engagement with Sparrow and Jacobs in Montreal, James O'Neill gave a performance the gross receipts of which were turned over to the widows and orphans of the victims of the recent fire in St. Peter Street in that city. Virginia was the bill.

Rose Stahl has been engaged for the season as a member of the Savoy Theatre stock company in Lowell, Mass., and it was in a production by that organization that she recently made a hit in the title role of *Camille*.

Promptly after the election Manager W. D. Mann, of the Herald Square Theatre, announced that his earlier offer to William J. Bryan remained good. He offers the defeated presidential candidate an engagement as press agent for *The Mandarin* at a weekly salary of \$150.

At the People's Theatre last week *The Great Northwest*, with its stirring scenes and realistic stage effects, attracted good-sized audiences. J. J. Dowling, Sheridan Block, Joseph Conners, Eric Pollock, Jessie Bonstelli, and Maud Howard are among those seen to advantage in the production.

Georgina Gardner is winning complimentary note for her work as a comedienne with the Baldwins.

Pauline Graves, well known as a singer, has decided to go into the vaudevilles. She lately has been playing an extended operatic engagement.

Black Patti's Troubadours opened at the Star Theatre last Monday and drew well during the week. Sineretta Jones, the star of the organization, was in excellent voice and received much applause for her artistic rendering of operatic selections. Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh did some clever work, as did also the De Wolf Sisters, Bob Cole, Stella Wiley, and Lloyd Gibbs.

The roster of Mr. and Mrs. Whytal's company in *For Fair Virginia* is as follows: Marie Knowles Whytal, Helene Lowell, Alice Morton, Lottie Briscoe, Russ Whytal, Alexander Kearney, George F. Farren, John Woodward, John Borden, Gilbert West, Walter T. Thompson, William Hopper, Julian Magnus, manager; Fred Meek, business manager; George F. Farren, stage manager; William Hopper, master mechanic.

Adolph Liesegang has resigned the musical directorship of the Castle Square Opera company in Philadelphia, and has been succeeded by Selli Simonson.

Roaring Dick & Co. will follow Herrmann at Palmer's Theatre, opening next Monday. Maurice Barrymore, who is to play Dick, has a part which William A. Brady, under whose direction the production is to be given, considers exactly suited to Mr. Barrymore's style of acting, having many of the attributes that constituted the charm of Captain Swift. Edith Crane, who went to Australia to play *Trilby* with A. M. Palmer's company, W. J. Le Moyn, C. Leslie Allen, Charles D. Smiley, James Smith and an auxiliary of 150 people will be seen in the play.

Dore Davidson has made a hit in the part of the villain, La Renard, in *The Two Little Vagabonds* now running in Boston.

Florence Hindley, who is playing an engagement in Chicago running from Nov. 9 to Nov. 22, has been so successful in San Francisco, says Charles F. Dittmar, that arrangements have been made for a twelve weeks' tour of the Far West, commencing in May.

The Metropolitan Opera matinee musicales in the new ball room of the Waldorf will take place on Tuesdays at 3:30 o'clock, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, and Jan. 5, 12, and 19.

The Macauley-Patton company, supporting Ida Florence Campbell, now playing in Ohio, have secured from Agnes Herndon the rights to *La Belle Marie*, which will be added to their repertoire.

A representative of Ed F. Rush and Charles Franklin exhibited to THE MIRROR last Friday a certificate of the Librarian of Congress at Washington to the effect that Rush and Franklin had copyrighted the title "McFadden's Flats," for a three-act farce comedy.

William H. Crane's New York season will open at the Fifth Avenue Theatre on Nov. 23.

BROOKLYN.

The Star has offered a bill of more than average excellence in presenting Edward F. Kush's spectacular *Excelsior*, which has caused a business correspondingly large.

Harry Morris' Twentieth Century Maids at the Unique and The Vendetta over in the Lyceum have had no chance to grumble over small houses or lack of attention.

Oscar J. Murray introduced Colonel J. H. Mapleson's newly organized Imperial Opera co. to the Brooklyn public at the Academy of Music on Thursday, 5. The audience, though small in numbers, made up in genuine enthusiasm for its lack in size. Aida was presented with a wealth of mis-en-scene, glittering pagentry, and rich costuming, superior to anything done on the Academy stage since the days of Mrs. Thayer.

American opera in connection with Mrs. Theodore Thomas, that was always sung and very efficiently directed by Signor Simbati. The second presentation will be that of Faust on Thursday 10.

DETROIT.

BUFFALO

ST. PAUL.

At the Metropolitan Opera House Robert Mantell supported by Charlotte Behrens and an excellent company presented The Corsican Brothers, Mombars and The Face in the Moonlight 1-4 to large and appreciative audiences. Robert Mantell gave an artistic and admirable interpretation of the character he impersonated and met with a cordial reception, being favored with several curtain calls. Charlotte Behrens made a very favorable impression in her roles. The plays were well staged and the performances gave great satisfaction. Kathryn Kidder in Madame Sans Gêne 5-7, Donald Robertson and Brandon Douglas in The Iron Mask 5-11.

At Litt's New Grand Opera House Charles E.

LOUISVILLE**MINNEAPOLIS**

ior, Jr., did a fair w

the Magician paid his initial visit 27, 28 and enjoyed fairly good remunerative returns, all things considered. The entertainment presented was pleasing throughout and the stage setting superb. The Private Secretary 29 attracted a goodly number of old acquaintances and made some new friends. The comedy, though not as

ATLANTA

MILWAUKEE

CHARLESTON**OMAHA.**

An illuminated trolley car is now being run from Paterson and Rutherford direct to the Lyric Theatre Hoboken, each evening.

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Ton Theatre, has accepted a like position at the Grand Opera House, New York.

James A. Herne will give but one matinee during his engagement at the Academy of Music 9th St.

Felix Morris and his wife are at present domiciled in this city. Mr. Morris has signed with Frohman's Lyceum Co. for this season, to open Dec. 1.

Business at the local theatres election day was big.

WALTER C. SMITH.

DENVER.

The theatres offered us no novelties week commencing Oct. 25 and this combined with the inclement weather and the absence of election day may be held accountable for the merely fair business that is being done. Darkest Russia is at the Tabor and The Defaulter at the Orpheum, while the Broadway, which has been dark the fore part of the week will open 25 for three nights and matinee with Corinne and her co. Steve Brodie comes to the Tabor with his Bowery, while Humanity will hold forth at the Broadway that week. As a special feature and in conjunction with Humanity, La Loie Fuller will appear at the Broadway next week. As both of these attractions are under W. A. Brady's general management, the combination becomes possible.

E. Remenyi, the famous violinist, is in town resting. He is on his way to Los Angeles.

LATER.—It has been an exciting time theatrically this week. One might go On the Bowery at the Tabor, get Kidnapped at the Orpheum, or see Humanity done up in five acts at the Broadway. Truly a feast of reason and a flow of soul.

Mr. Brodie was accompanied by some excellent scenery by John H. Young, entr'acte music by Ferdinand Stork's orchestra and a very inferior supporting co.

At the Broadway Sutton Vane's Humanity, which is quite a well constructed melodrama, albeit upon conventional lines, opened 2 to a large audience. The leading roles are portrayed capably by Joseph R. Grimmer and Phoebe Davis. The supporting co. is scarcely adequate, although Hardee Kirkland and C. J. Williams were fairly good. Between the acts La Loie Fuller danced and made a tremendous hit and created a genuine sensation.

The Orpheum again offers the National Stock co. this week, the bill being Kidnapped, which is drawing good business.

The Lyceum co. of players will present The Prisoner of Zenda at the Tabor week of 9, with James E. Mackett and Isabelle Irving in the leading roles, and Eugene Tompkins's Black Crook will be the bill at the Broadway.

There are rumors that a stock co. will be placed in the Broadway for a season of six weeks, commencing about the middle of November, but there is nothing definite as yet.

L. H. Rickford, the dramatic critic of the Denver Times, has a story in the November Money's Magazine, entitled "In the Next Cell."

Clarence Brown, who has been long identified with the Broadway box-office, and is a popular young man, has severed his connection with the theatre and gone to Colorado Springs to accept a position with the D. and R. G. Railroad.

The Corinne Extravaganza co. closed a successful engagement of four nights and matinee at the Broadway 1; for Cashmore scored heavily.

Loie Fuller and party occupied a box at the Corinne performance 2.

All the theatres had special wires election night, and returns were read between the acts.

Robert Morris, a local actor of good repute, left 35 to join the Pittsburgh Stock co. with whom he goes as assistant stage manager.

F. E. CARTWRIGHT.

SAN FRANCISCO.

The Tabor opened their second week Oct. 25-31 at the Baldwin in Rome and Juliet to excellent business.

Tennessee's Pardner opened at the Columbia 25 for a two week's run. Business was good.

Following Tennessee's Pardner comes Corinne and her Hendrick Hudson, Jr.

Babe in the Wood is doing its second week at the Tivoli with new songs and specialties. It has been cut and changed until it is hardly recognizable, but much improved. It has had big business so far.

The Ugly Duckling has proved a success at the Alcazar that it will be allowed another week's run.

Next week Augustin Daly's comedy, Love on Crutches, will be presented.

Morocco's Grand Opera House for 25-31 has The Captain's Mate in which Florence Bladley introduces some good musical specialties. A big week is anticipated.

The California, which has been dark for some time, is to open 9 with Darkest Russia, which is to be given on an elaborate scale.

JAMES F. J. ARCHIBALD.

TOLEDO.

It has seldom been the privilege of Toledoans to witness a more pleasing farce-comedy than that presented at the Valentine Oct. 25-31 by Ignacio Martinetti, Frank Tanshill, Jr., and co., under the title of The Nancy Hanks. In addition to having a cleverly written play, full of bright sayings and funny situations, Messrs. Martinetti and Tanshill are supported by a co. which has few equals on the road. The Nancy Hanks has only one purpose, that is to make people laugh. Martinetti's Frenchman is a fine bit of character acting; Anna Boyd's southerner songs were demanded time and again; Carrie Radcliffe made the most of her part, that of a new woman. The attendance was discouragingly light. The house was dark until 4, when Wilton Lackaye put on Dr. Belgraff for one night. The large audience gave the piece, which is heavy and gruesome, their closest attention. Mr. Lackaye and co. received curtain-calls after each act.

The Prodigal Father at the People's 14 proved very amusing. Business was good.

At the Auditorium, Anna Eva Fay begins an engagement 5.

The Collingwood, which was destroyed by fire, has been rebuilt, and is now looking for the season. A five stage 60 feet wide, full sets of scenery, and all accessories have been added. Maude Wood Henry, formerly with Theo Thomas as press agent, is the manager.

C. M. EDSON.

INDIANAPOLIS.

At the Grand Opera House E. J. Henley in Descon Brodie opened 2 to light business owing to election excitement.

George W. Monroe with A Happy Little Home began a three night's engagement at the English Opera House to a good audience 2. Election returns and a good performance brought out a large house 3.

Hyde's Comedians, being favorites in this city, have had no complaint to make during their stay at the Empire, which began 2. On the night of 2 two performances were given, at 8 and 11 P. M. The late performance taxed the capacity of the house.

On the Mississippi, with the usual quota of Ku Klux and pickaninnies, has played to large houses, the engagement closing 7.

Resident theatrical people are breathing easier now

that the campaign is over, and hope that business will grow better. The star campaign speakers brought into this State by both parties have later red greatly with business.

W. W. LOWRY.

PITTSBURG.

Kellar opened at the Alvin Theatre 2 and the engagement has been notably successful, large audiences being present at every performance. Joseph Jefferson will present Rip Van Winkle, Crichton on the Hearth, and Lead Me Five Shillings next week.

Hartley Campbell's Siberia was the attraction at the Bijou 2-7 and business was very large all week. Chauncy Olcott 9-14.

Hanson's Superbia opened 2 to a packed house at the New Grand Opera House. Peter F. Daley follows in A Good Thing.

At the Avenue the stock co. produced A Lesson in Love 2-7. Morris's Pony Circus made a great hit all week, and the vaudeville bill was of unusual excellence.

Next week Nibbe will be given by the co. Wood and Shepard, Mlle. Chester and W. Chester, Lew Bloom and Jane Cooper, Susan and Bumbard, and others will be on the bill. Business continues large.

All the Comforts of Home was given by the co. at Hopkins's Dispensary Theatre 2-7. Lockhart's Elephants were on exhibition all week, and will remain another week. The co. will be seen in Fred Bryton's comedy-drama Forgiveness.

The first concert of the Pittsburgh Orchestra took place 6.

Ian MacLaren lectured at the Alvin the afternoon of 8.

J. E. DONNELLY.

CLEVELAND.

Palmer Cox's Brownies were the attraction at the Euclid Avenue Opera House week of 2, and will be followed by Hoyt's A Black Sheep, which opens 9 for three nights. Otto Skinner will be seen in A Soldier of Fortune 12, remaining till Saturday night. Thomas Keene will be the attraction for the first half of week of 16.

At the Lyceum Theatre the Byrne Brothers did a good week's business in 3 Belle. Kellar the magician will open for the week of 9, and Joseph Murphy and A Woman in Black will divide the week of 16.

Down in Dixie will open at the Cleveland Theatre 9, and be followed by The Cotton Spinner and A Bunch of Keys, each attraction holding the boards for half the week of 16.

Will Mosson, who was for many years advertising agent at the Lyceum Theatre, has been engaged as advancement of Frank Daniels's production of The Wizard of the Nile.

It would now be an opportune time for the new theatre project to come to life, as both our leading theatres are under the direction of the same combination. The Star Theatre will have Martell's South Before the War week of 9.

WILLIAM CRASOR.

NEW ORLEANS.

Hoyt's A Milk White Flag at the Grand Opera House 14 made a decided hit. All of Hoyt's productions are successes, and A Milk White Flag is no exception to the rule. The co. is a large one, and consists of numerous pretty girls and clever comedians. Business good. Rhéa in repertoire 8; The American Girl 12; Lewis Morris 22.

The much heralded Fregoli, impersonating innumerable characters in lightning change manner, appeared 17 in his inimitable performance. His like has never before been seen in New Orleans, and in consequence he has played to big houses. Murray and Mack 8.

Sidney Grundy's Sowing the Wind, presented by an excellent co., played a week's engagement here 1-7 to good business. The co. includes Maud Hall, formerly of this city, and Marian Childers, a North Louisiana lady. Lillian Russell in The American Beauty 6.

John W. Hamilton, manager of the Lillian Russell Opera co., and Sanford B. Ricksby, representing Rhéa are in the city.

J. MARSHALL QUINTERO.

KANSAS CITY.

Lillian Russell made her first appearance in several years at the Auditorium 2-7, presenting American Beauty. Her co. is a splendid one, including William Simms, Jerome Sykes and Lindsay Richeling. The costumes were showy and handsome. One of the additional attractions is a comfortable room for the members of the press. The Coates Opera House was dark 2-7. Alexander Salvini comes 9-14. Ward and Vokes in A Run on the Bank had large and pleased audiences at the Grand Opera House 1-7. Their co. has been materially strengthened. The Old Homestead appears 8-14.

The attraction at the Ninth Street Opera House 1-7 was Gus Hill's New York Stars. The co. included a long list of clever performers, all of whom were well received. The Defaulter 8-14. FRANK R. WILCOX.

THEATRICAL MECHANICS' ASSOCIATION.

Cleveland Lodge 9, Theatrical Mechanics Association, held its eleventh annual dancing reception, at Germania Hall, Cleveland, Oct. 28. Over one hundred and fifty couples were present, including members of the Brownies, Rents Sautley, Paul Caseneuve, and Midnight Bell companies. The Stage Hand's Union of Cleveland will hold their annual reception Nov. 28.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
Actors' Society of America

In pursuance of a request made and signed by more than thirty members of the Actors' Society, all of good standing, which said request was presented in writing to me this day, I hereby call a special meeting of the Actors' Society of America for November 16th, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Broadway Theatre in the City of New York, in the conformity with Section 1 of Article 1 of the By-Laws.

The objects for which said meeting is called are:

1. To present and discuss resolutions voicing the sentiments of this Society for a proper recognition of the actor's art as a necessary factor towards the highest civilization and the placing of the actor's calling before the public in a position of respected dignity.
2. That letters and expressions of sympathy from prominent individuals who are interested in the objects of this Society may be presented before the Society.
3. That speakers of note may be introduced to address the Society upon subjects of interest to its members.
4. That the scope and aims of our Society may be clearly put before the actors of America and the public at large through the press with a view to removing prejudices and increasing our membership.

N. B.—Members are requested to present their cards. Cards of invitation for persons not members will be furnished by the Secretary upon request.

Very respectfully,
JNO. MALONE,
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DUBUQUE.—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (William T. Roehl, manager). *Chase-Lover* co. week of Oct. 22 to good business. *Woodward* 22; *Haskell's Society* 23; *Summer* 24; *Blizzard* 25.

SIoux CITY.—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (A. B. Beall, manager). *Lillian Russell* and *Chase-Lover* co. week of Oct. 22 to good business. *Woodward* 22; *Haskell's Society* 23; *Summer* 24; *Blizzard* 25.

DECATUR.—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (R. B. Morris, manager). *Gus Hege* in *A Venetian* Dec. 3.

MISSOURI VALLEY.—New Theatre (William Harmon, manager). House dark.

CRESTON.—PATTY'S OPERA HOUSE (J. H. Pitt, manager). The *Curious Comedy* co. 24.

MARSHALLTOWN.—ODDAN THEATRE (J. C. Speer, manager). The *Germans* in *The Gilchrist* 24; *Aladdin* 25; *Chase-Lover* co. week of Oct. 22 to good business. *Woodward* 22; *Haskell's Society* 23; *Summer* 24; *Blizzard* 25.

FAIRFIELD.—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (M. F. Black, manager). *Ucle Tom* in *Ca va* co. Oct. 25 to full house. *Sanford Dodge* in *Damon* and *Pythias* 25 to a large audience.

KEOSAUQUO.—PATTY'S OPERA HOUSE (Ben B. Wiley, manager). *Charles Temple* the comedian 18.

IOWA CITY.—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Perry Clark, manager). The *Scotch Grand Concert* co., with *Camilla* 25 as the star.

KANSAS.

TOPEKA.—CRAWFORD'S OPERA HOUSE (L. M. Crawford, circuit manager). *O. T. Crawford*, local manager. *Dark* Oct. 25-31. *Legen* and *Hamilton's* *Dramatic* co. 27; *Graham* *Opera* House (L. M. Crawford, circuit manager). *O. T. Crawford*, local manager. *Kathryn Kidder* in *Madame Sans Gene* 26; very large house at advanced prices; the production was excellent, and such royal mounting of a play has never before been seen here. They carry two cars of special scenery and props packed in forty-nine padded boxes made specially for the purpose to insure safe transit. The co. which is very large, travels in an elegant special car. *W. E. Gorman* and *Green Goods* 26; *pro* business; *performance* very good; *John F. Hanson*, *Edwina*, and *Eva Lincoln* and *Frank Gillette* deserve special mention. *Palmer* and *Bendy's* *Australia* *Travelling* co. drew a fairly fair but well-placed house 26. The cast was excellent, though the scenery showed signs of travel. *Elmer Barry* as *Trilby*, *Jennie Reiffarth* as *Madame Visard*, *Robert Carr* as *Tally*, *Charles Canfield* as *the Laird*, *Charles Kent* as *Vengali*, *E. W. Morrison* as *Gus*, and *George Traylor* as *Zou-Zou* deserve mention. *W. E. Gorman* and *Green Goods* 26; *pro* business; *performance* very good; *John F. Hanson*, *Edwina*, and *Eva Lincoln* and *Frank Gillette* deserve special mention. *Palmer* and *Bendy's* *Australia* *Travelling* co. drew a fairly fair but well-placed house 26. The cast was excellent, though the scenery showed signs of travel. *Elmer Barry* as *Trilby*, *Jennie Reiffarth* as *Madame Visard*, *Robert Carr* as *Tally*, *Charles Canfield* as *the Laird*, *Charles Kent* as *Vengali*, *E. W. Morrison* as *Gus*, and *George Traylor* as *Zou-Zou* deserve mention.

WELLINGTON.—WOODS OPERA HOUSE (Ans M. Black, manager). *A. J. Sharpley's* repertoire co. 27 at popular prices.

LYONS.—BUTLER'S OPERA HOUSE (Fred R. Lutz, manager). *Johanne Fringle* played to fair business Oct. 25-29.

LEAVENWORTH.—CRAWFORD'S GRAND OPERA HOUSE (William Harmon, manager). The *American Dramatic* co. Oct. 25-31; *Charles's* *Ant* 3; *Walker Whitehead* in *Madame* 4.

WINDHAM.—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (J. B. Meyer, manager). *Sharpley's* *Lyons* Theatre co. Oct. 25 to a repertoire of popular plays to fair business. *Charles H. Vale's* *The Twelve Temptations* 7.

ARKANSAS CITY.—FIFTH AVENUE OPERA HOUSE (F. J. Hens, manager). *Sharpley's* *Lyons* Theatre co. week ending Oct. 26; good houses all week and splendid performance. *Charles H. Vale's* *The Twelve Temptations* 6.

KENTUCKY.

DANVILLE.—OPERA HOUSE (Prohman and Votch, managers). *Jolly Old Chums* played a good audience Oct. 25. *Ella Martin* 18.

LEXINGTON.—OPERA HOUSE (Charles Scott, manager). *St. Phant* 2; *Rob Roy* 3; *Lillian Russell* 21; in *Gay New York* 24; 4 Bells 25.

PARIS.—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (D. C. Parish, manager). *Murray* and *Mac* 21; 4 Bells 27.

LOUISIANA.

LAKE CHARLES.—WILLIAMS OPERA HOUSE (Paul Sullivan, manager). *Edwina's* *Vitacope* week of 8. *Rhea* 18.

SHREVEPORT.—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Leon M. Carter, manager). *Coote* and *Long* in *A Soldier of F* and *The* *Chase-Lover* co. week of Oct. 22 to good business. *Woodward* 22; *Haskell's Society* 23; *Summer* 24; *Blizzard* 25.

PORTLAND.—THEATRE (Charles C. Tuckberry, proprietor). *Sawtelle Dramatic* co. in *Lost* at Sen 3; *Little Trooper* and *Rosdale* 4; *The Phoenix* and *A Great Wrong* 5; *Robert* 6; *Foggy* 7; *Streets* of *New York* 8; *Boop* of *Gold* and *Infernet* 9; *Mountain Heroine* and in *Old Kentucky* 6, playing to big business. *William* in *The* *Rising Generation* 9; *Fanny Rice* in *The* *French* *Ball* 13; *Conroy* and *Fox* 25; *Mrs. Ponderous's* *Past*, preceded by the curtain-raiser, *Mrs. Gilman's* *Wedding* 20; *Chimney* *Padden* 20, Dec. 1. It was *George E. George*, the veteran theatrical manager, now absent of *The* *Rising Generation*, was here 2—*Hattie Phillips*, a vaudeville performer at the *Palace Theatre*, was shot dead by her husband, *Alonso G. Phillips*, of Boston, at her boarding house 2. *Phillips* then committed suicide. Jealousy caused the deed.

BIDDEFORD.—NEW CITY OPERA HOUSE (K. W. Sutherland, manager). *The* *Sawtelle* co. closed week of good business Oct. 31; complete satisfaction. *House* dark week of 2. *Fanny Rice* 13; *Conroy* and *Fox* 10; *Neil Burgess* 20; *Katherine R* week of 30.

SELFAS.—OPERA HOUSE (F. E. Cottrell, manager). *Lillian Kennedy* in *The* *Deacon's* *Daughter* Oct. 30 satisfied a large audience.

BATH.—COLUMBIA THEATRE (F. A. Owen, manager). *William Barry* in *The* *Rising Generation* 4 to a small but well-placed audience.

LEWISTON.—OPERA HOUSE (E. A. Mitchell, manager). *County* *Fair* Oct. 29 pleased a very large audience. *William Barry* in *The* *Rising Generation* 7. MUSIC HALL: *Mora* in repertoire 27.

MARYLAND.

CUMBERLAND.—ACADEMY OF MUSIC (Mellinger Brothers, managers). After a close of two weeks, during which time the house has been entirely fitted with new scenery, etc., *Faulton's* *Operatic* *Comedy* co.

opened in *Durcas* 2, good co. *Eva Davenport* on *Grin* 24 scored quite a hit. *Hi Tom Ward*, *Fulton* *Brothers*, and *De Rue's* *Ministry* gave an excellent performance to the capacity of the house 3. *Lincoln* *Elwood* and *Fulton* *Brothers* scored individual hits. *Clifton's* *Big D* while *Show* 9-12; *Field* and *Hanson's* *Drawing* *Cards* 25.

FREDERICK.—CITY OPERA HOUSE (P. E. Long, manager). *Clifton Dramatic* co. opened for week 3 to packed business.

ANNAPOLIS.—OPERA HOUSE (William Sims, manager). *Coon Hollow* Oct. 25 to good business. *White Slave* 9; *Midnight* *Bell* 12; *ITEM*: *Edwin Corrigan* *Stock* co., booked for 57, failed to appear.

MASSACHUSETTS.

SPRINGFIELD.—GILBERT'S COURT SQUARE THEATRE (W. C. Lenoir, manager). *Oddly* enough, the week opened with two famous plays, yet both without the principals who made them—*The* *Old Homestead* without *Den Thompson*, and *Pudd'nhead* *Wilson*, in which we last saw *Frank Mayo*. But the play's the thing, for big houses greeted both. In *The* *Old Homestead*, which played 4, *Archib* 8 and in a good understudy to *Thompson*, and gives the honest old farmer with as near the flavor of the soil as we could expect. *Will Cressy*, *J. L. Morgan*, *Fred* *Clare* and a good support. As usual, the excellent *Old Homestead* Double Quartette were obliged to do it again and again. The house was packed. Nearly as large a gathering was in the theatre 5 to see *Twin* and *Mayo's* strong, deep and richly humorous *Pudd'nhead* *Wilson*—its second visit. *Theodore Hamilton* has been obliged to assume a delicate duty—to step into the place of the late lamented *Mayo*, but there was no feeling of disappointment among *Mayo's* many friends here, for he gives a strong and individual characterization to the part. The co., which is mainly the same that supported *Mayo*, is excellent. *Shannon* of the *Sixth* 12; *Fanny Davenport* in *Felton* and *Cleopatra* 9 11; *Patience* of *Paradise* *Alley* 12, 13; *Lillian* *Barry* 12; *The* *Sporting* *Duchess* 10-18. *EDWIN DWIGHT*.

LOWELL.—OPERA HOUSE (Fay Brothers and Hordford, managers). *Thomas E. Shea* finished his engagement of a week and a day 2. From a pecuniary point of view it has been very successful, considering the time, and, artistically, Mr. Shea has won encomiums from both press and public, his *Jekyll* and *Hyde* and *Richie* being especially well received. *Rich* and *Maeder's* co. in *The* *Cotton* *Spinner* came in for two nights 3. The piece is well supplied with scenery, and the co. gave satisfaction to good-sized houses. The *Vitacope*, which has been here for the past week, left town 4. *Maggie Cline* in *On Broadway* 4; *Albert Hart* in *Wang* 5; *John F. Hanson* 9; *Edwina* 10; *William Barry* 11; *Andrew Mack* 13, 14; *MUSIC HALL* (W. H. Body, manager). *Rice* and *Barton* Oct. 20-31 and matinee, with a burlesque co., drew large audiences. *Clara Lawrence* and *Crawford* and *Manning* deserve special mention. *Comedian* *Dan Sherman* in *Old Dan* *Fletcher* played to fair business 24. They made a record election day by giving a matinee and two night performances. *John W. Isham's* *Octobers* 27; *Harry Montague* in *My* *Uncle* *From* *New* *York* 9-11; *Edward Hamilton* in *The* *Shamrock* 12-14; *THE SAVOY* (*Kendall Weston*, manager). *Sardou's* *A Scrap of Paper* was the bill offered by the stock co. week of Oct. 25. Mr. Weston, who seems to be equally at home in comic as well as serious parts, took the character of *Proper* *Courant*. He was ably supported by *Miss Stahl*, who is winning much praise for excellent work. The audiences were large and appreciative, and the fact that they were invited 20 to furnish entertainment for one of our leading social clubs is sufficient proof that they are "quite on" as *Home* *Bound* and *Arabian* *Nights* 27. *ITEM*: *Business* at the theatre election night was grand, and the "returns" were a tea ure.—Mr. and Mrs. *Max Heinrich* gave a recital 2.—At the *Opera* *House* box-office the other afternoon, a phoned gentleman handed in a bank book with the words, "Give me five on this, will you?" "You're at the wrong place," said *Tracy* *Goss*. "Ain't this a bank?" he queried. "Not at present; but we expect it will be, now that *McKinley* is elected." *ORRIS A. COURT*.

BROCKTON.—CITY THEATRE (W. B. Cross, manager). *Charles Leonard Fletcher*, supported by a week co., presented *Dr. Jekyll* and *Mr. Hyde* to small houses, matinee and evening, Oct. 31. *Maudie Hillman* opened a week's engagement in *Buried* *Diamonds* to a crowded house 2. Her co., scenery and costumes are good; performance very satisfactory. *Wang* 11; *Tim Murphy* 12; *Fanny Rice* 17; *William Barry* 19; *Joseph Hart* 20; *The* *Sunshine* of *Paradise* *Alley* 21. *ITEM*: *Archib* *Perkins*, of this city, formerly electrician at the City Theatre, has accepted a similar position with *The* *Sunshine* of *Paradise* *Alley* 21.

SOUTH FRANKLINHAM.—BLENHEIM OPERA HOUSE (W. H. Trumbull, manager). *The* *Old Homestead* 2 to S. R. O. *Hi Henry's* *Minstrels* 9.

FITCHBURG.—WHITNEY OPERA HOUSE (Stephen Roggett, manager). *Charles Cowles* in *A Country Merchant* Oct. 30 pleased a fair-sized audience. *Nickerson's* *Comedy* co. 27 to good business. The band and orchestra is a special feature. *Neil Burgess* in *Old* *Mac* 18; *Trilby* in *Conway* 19; *Edwina* 20; *William Barry* 21; *Edwina* 22; *William Barry* 23; *Edwina* 24; *William Barry* 25; *Edwina* 26; *William Barry* 27; *Edwina* 28; *William Barry* 29; *Edwina* 30; *William Barry* 31; *Edwina* 32; *William Barry* 33; *Edwina* 34; *William Barry* 35; *Edwina* 36; *William Barry* 37; *Edwina* 38; *William Barry* 39; *Edwina* 40; *William Barry* 41; *Edwina* 42; *William Barry* 43; *Edwina* 44; *William Barry* 45; *Edwina* 46; *William Barry* 47; *Edwina* 48; *William Barry* 49; *Edwina* 50; *William Barry* 51; *Edwina* 52; *William Barry* 53; *Edwina* 54; *William Barry* 55; *Edwina* 56; *William Barry* 57; *Edwina* 58; *William Barry* 59; *Edwina* 60; *William Barry* 61; *Edwina* 62; *William Barry* 63; *Edwina* 64; *William Barry* 65; *Edwina* 66; *William Barry* 67; *Edwina* 68; *William Barry* 69; *Edwina* 70; *William Barry* 71; *Edwina* 72; *William Barry* 73; *Edwina* 74; 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SANTA MARIA (Oscar Hammerstein, mgr.): New York city Sept. 24-indefinite.
THE GREKA (Augustin Daly, mgr.): New York City-indefinite.
WAITE COMIC OPERA (Waite and Huston, props.; F. C. Hastings, mgr.): Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 10, Dover, N. H., 12-14, New Britain, Conn., 15-21, Holyoke, Mass., 22-24.
WANG (D. W. Truss and Co., mgrs.): Haverhill, Mass., N. w., 10, Brockton 11, Fall River 12, New Bedford 13, Attleboro 14, Taunt- n 16, Woonsocket R. I., 17, Wilbraham Conn., 18, New Haven 19, Middletown, N. Y., 20, Leino 22, Meriden 23, Bristol 25, Hartford 26, Waterbury 26, Bridgeport 27.
WHITE CROOK (Eastern; Ed F. Rush, mgr.): Boston, Mass., Nov. 9-14.
WHITE CROOK (Western; J. M. Donnerstag, mgr.): Union City, Pa., N. e., 10, Brownsville 11, Washington 12, Titumville, R. c., 13 et star 14.
WILSON OPERA: Columbus, O., Nov. 9-14, Zanesville 15-21.
VAUDEVILLE.
ALBERT CHEVALIER (Charles Frohman, mgr.): Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 14.
AL REEVES, Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 10, 11, Wilmington, D. c., 12-14.
BURLINGUE AND VAUDEVILLE (Martin and Franklin mgrs.): Elst b. M. 1 Nov. 12.
BOSTON HOWARD ATHLETIC: Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 14.
BOHEMIAN BURLINGUES (Louis Robie, mgr.): Newark, N. J., Nov. 9-14 New York city 15-28
BLACK PATI TROUBADOURS (Voelck and Nolan, mgrs.): Washington, D. C., Nov. 9-14, Alexandria, Va., 16, Wilmington, Del., 17, Easton, Pa., 18, Allentown 19, Wilkesbarre 20, Scranton 23-25, Carbondale 26, Binghamton, N. Y., 27-28.
BLOCKBROOK BURLINGUE (Joseph Jermin, mgr.): New York city Nov. 9-14, Kensington 15-21.
CITY CLUB (T. E. Misco, mgr.): Chicago, Ill., Nov. 2-14, Detroit, Mich., 15-21, Cleveland, O., 22-28.
CITY SWIRLS: Easton, Pa., Nov. 13-14.
COLORADO SPO-TS (Lee Moses, mgr.): New York city Nov. 14.
COLORADO SPORTS: Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 10, 11, Allgheny 13-14.
CANADIAN JUBILER SINGERS: Toronto, Ont., Nov. 10, Suspension bridge, N. Y., 11, Niagara Falls 12, Lockport 13, Tonawanda 14-15.
DAVE MARION EXTRAVAGANZA: Cincinnati, O., Nov. 9-14.
EVERETT BURLINGUE: So. Chicago, Ill., Nov. 10-14.
ENDOR AND ATKINSON: M-dalia, Minn., Nov. 10, 11, James 11, 12, W. door 13-14.
FIELD AND HANSON: Cincinnati, O., Nov. 9-14.
FAY FOSTER EXTRAVAGANZA: Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 9-11.
GUS HILL NOVELTIES (Gus Hill, prop. and manager, F. Young, Pa., Nov. 9-14)
HYDE COMEDIANE: St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 9-14, Chicago 11, 15-21.
HOPKINS' TRANS-OCEANIC: New York city Nov. 2-14.
HENRY BURLINGUE: Paterson N. J., Nov. 9-14, Reading, Pa., 16-21, Philadelphia 22-28.
HART AND FIELD: Cuba, N. Y., Nov. 10, Maunda 11, Luthvise 12, Wayland 13, Warsaw 14.
JOHN W. ISHAM'S OCTOBERONS: Manchester, N. H., Nov. 10, 11, Fair Rock, Maine, 12-14.
JOHN W. ISHAM'S OCTOBERONS: Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 9-14.
LOIS FULLER: Salt Lake Utah, Nov. 10.
LONDON BELLES (Jose S. de-lis): New York city Nov. 9-21.
MARION MAIDS (Lawl r and Clements, mgrs.): Pleasant 1, N. v. 10, Fairfield 11, Sig-arock 13.
MORRIS TWAIN-HINT CENTURY MAIDS: Washington, D. C., Nov. 9-14.
NIGHT OWLS (Fred Rider, mgr.): Reading, Pa., Nov. 9-6.
NEW YORK VAUDEVILLE: Middletown, Conn., Nov. 10-14.
RICHARD BROTHERS: Montreal, Can., Nov. 9-14.
RENIZ SANTLEY: New York city Nov. 9-14.
RUSH EXCHANGES: Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 9-14.
RICK AND BARTON GAIRTY: Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 9-14.
RILEY AND WOOD: Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 2-14.
ROSIE HILL: Montreal, Can., Nov. 9-14.
SAM T. JACK'S CHORLES: Troy, N. Y., Nov. 9-14.
SOUTH BEFORE THE WAR: W. llaton, O., Nov. 10, Chillicothe 11, Greenfield 12, Circleville 13.
SAM T. JACK'S BULLFIGHTER: Providence, R. I., Nov. 9-14.
TERRACE EXCURSION STARS: Tusculville, Pa., Nov. 10, Oct. 15-19 Union City 19-21, Meadville 22-28.
VANITY FAIR (Fred. J. Haber, mgr.): Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 9-14.
WEBB OLYMPIA: New York city, Nov. 2-14.
WEISS AND FIELDS'S OWN: New York city Nov.-indefinite.
WILLIAMS'S METEORS: New York city Nov. 9-14.
MINSTRELS.
A. L. G. FIELD (John W. Vogel, mgr.): St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 9-14.
BARLOW BROTHERS: Thomasville, Ala., Nov. 13.
BILLY VAN: Mt. Vernon, O., Nov. 10, 11, Newark 13, Washington 11 Circleville 16, 17, Springfield 19, Urbana 20, 21.
DUNCAN'S PRINCE OF IS: Pa., Oct. 19-indefinite.
GORTON'S (C. H. Catlin, mgr.): Winchester, N. H., Nov. 10, Keene 11, R. ckland, Me., 16.
HI TOM WARD, FULTON BROTHERS AND DE RU Hinton, W. Va., Nov. 10 Charleston 11, Puaski 11, Alexandria, Va., 13, Washington, D. C., 16-21, Baltimore, Md., 23-29.
CIRCUSES.
BENTLEY: New York city-indefinite.
BENTLEY BROTHERS: Columbia, S. C., Nov. 11, Newry 12, Laurens 13, Chester 14, Charlotte, N. C., 16, Statesville 17.
MISCELLANEOUS.
ANNA EVA FAY: Toledo, O., Nov. 2-14, Milwaukee Wis., 16-25.
CANDIDATE (H. C. Danforth, mgr.): Trenton, N. J., Nov. 9-15.
COVLE MUSIUM: Dallas, Tex., Oct. 26-indefinite.
CINEMATOGRAPHER (H. J. Hill, mgr.): Berlin, Ont., Nov. 10, 11, Stratford 12-14, Guelph 16-18, Galt 19-21, Brantford 23-25, Hamilton 26-28.
DAN LESTER'S LIFE STORY: Kase, Tex., Nov. 10.
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PARK CITY: Utah, Nov. 10, Souville 11, 12, Morgan 13, Reno, Nev., 16, 17, Carson City 18, 19, Virginia City 20, 21.
DAY (hypnotist): Fred A. J. Dunwick, mgr.: Darville, Pa., Nov. 9-14.
FLINTS (hypnotists): H. L. Flint, mgr.: Muscatine, Ia., Nov. 9-14, Moore, Ill., 16-21, Rock Island 23-28.
GUNNING (hypnotist): Mahen or McNamee, mgrs.: Missoula, Mont., Nov. 9-14, Wallace, Idaho, 16-17, Wardner 20-21.
LEADS (hypnotist): Pontiac, Mich., Nov. 9-14.
NOBLE'S WONDERLAND: Albany, Ga., Nov. 2-14.
NORRIS BROTHERS: D. C. and PONY SHOW: Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 10, Muskegon 11, 12, Grand Rapids 13, 14.
THE SAGES (A. B. McDole, mgr.): Pittston, Pa., Nov. 9-14, Lebanon City 16-21, Reading 24-28.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

CHICAGO.

Business Looking Up Since Election—Hall's News and Gossip.

(Special to The Mirror.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 9. Well, thank heaven it is all over. I am glad of it. We were not sure of it until Wednesday—and the next day it snowed. The icy slush lasted for two days and kept the tired populace away from the theatres. But prospects are brighter and many novelties are on the tapis. William McKinley "has come," and William Bryan "has went," and more good "have carried" California for sound money. And there you are. The only dismal feature of the recent campaign is the permanent removal of my old friend "Punch" Wheeler from this city. He took the whole Barnum show on a large tour through New York, and he wrote me from there: "I will return after Bryan's election." This I take to mean his banishment. He is yours forever, Mary Ellen Ryan. Trust him kindly, and let me hear from him often.

Wilton Lackey made his first appearance as a star in the city at Hootley's Theatre last evening, appearing in Klein's new play, Dr. Belgriff, and scoring an unmistakable hit. He has wisely surrounded himself with a splendid company, including C. W. Coudock, Forrest Robinson, Byron Douglas, Joseph Allen, Ad Hampton, Marie Westright, Caroline Franklin, and pretty Alice Evans. Mr. Lackey's engagement is for but one week, and he will be followed by Chevalier, whom we will see here for the first time.

Manager David Henderson was granted a divorce the other day, by Judge Gibbons, from Grace Roth Henderson. Henderson has been appearing here at the Columbia in Under the Polar Star.

The event of the theatrical season here thus far was the opening of the new Great Northern Theatre, on Jackson Street, by Manager Palmer's new stock company, which includes Henry Miller, Blanche Walsh, Edward D. Lyons, Frank Backus, Charles Bower, Madeline Seaton, Stephen Grattan, Josephine Lovett, and Van Housen. The play was Heartsease, by Joseph I. C. Clarke and Charles Klein, author of Dr. Belgriff. Mr. Klein is much in evidence here this week. The theatre is one of the handiwork in the country. It was crowned by a splendid audience, and the play and company were well received.

W. H. Thompson has been very seriously ill at his apartments in the Auditorium Annex. He had a severe attack of typhoid pneumonia, and at one time his life was despaired of. Those who know William will realize how ill he was when I tell them that he did not smoke a cigarette for four days. But he is now on the road to recovery, thanks to the Auditorium physician, who late Saturday declares to be the greatest on earth.

Mr. Mansfield had a fairly good week in his repertoire at the Grand Opera House. To-night he opened his second and final week with the Scarlet Letter, and, in addition to a Parisian Romance and Beau Brummell, he will present a Thursday evening, for the first time on any stage, a new play called Castle Sonbrun, a psychological study from the pen of H. Greenough Smith, editor of the Strand Magazine.

Mr. Crane closed his splendid engagement of four weeks at McVicker's Saturday night with a great big balance on the right side of the ledger, and to-night we heard for the first time, at that house, Harry and Edward Paulson's new opera, Dorcas, presented by a fine company, including William Broderick, Fred. Freer, Arthur R. Saxon, Charles B. Saxon, Charles Meyer, Eva Davenport, Marie Millard, Drew Donaldson, Minnie Jackson, and Marie Davenport. It is a highly successful opera, well-staged and cast.

This is the last week of Brady's fine production of Under the Polar Star at the Columbia Theatre. It has been drawing fairly well and it pleases everyone.

The stock company at Hopkins's South Side Theatre is presenting Our Boys this week, while over at his West Side house Oliver Brown's Two Thousand Miles Away is the drama, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne having it cast.

H. R. Jacobs was here last week, and he left election day for Montreal. His Alhambra is giving a number of new plays their first production here. Last week Saved From the Sea was presented, and this week When London Sleeps is the play. We may next expect When Philadelphia Wakes, an imaginative spectacle. Saved From the Sea is at the Academy this week.

Frank C. Bangs has two large houses in Jim the Peasant over at the Lincoln yesterday.

John O. Babe, widely known in the profession as the father of the Rambler bicycle, accidentally shot and killed himself here the other day.

It is understood that Manager Jacobs is to put W. A. Edwards, manager of the late Tivoli, in charge of one of Sparrow and Jacobs's Montreal houses. Manager Jacobs has secured Frank Harvey's new melodrama, A House of Mystery, and will send it on the road. He will also put two more melodramas out, also a big burlesque production.

Just thirty-seven years ago to-day, on the same block on which I am writing this, I was born.

And William Jennings Bryan also ran.

"BIV" HALL.

WASHINGTON.

Haurice Barrymore Opens in Roaring Dick and Co.—Other Plays at the Capital.

(Special to The Mirror.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.

The dedication of the new Columbia Theatre occurred to-night before a fashionable and select audience that crowded the house. The attraction was the Metropolitan English Grand Opera company under the direction of H. Grau, who commenced a week of repertoire with an admirable interpretation of Il Trovatore. This also is the opening performance and starting point of this organization. The principals comprise Georgine von Jessenowsky, Lizzie Macnicol, Minnie Schilling, Mary Helen Howe, Hei von Dehnoff, Sophia Terzani, Minnie Fortis, Payne Clark, Agostino Montegri, Henry Herman, William Marston, Edwin Kewen, S. H. Dudley, Henry W. Dodd, John Moore, Felix Bach and W. H. Clark. The chorus in large and the orchestra is directed by Adolph Nendenoff. During the engagement The Bohemian Girl, Faust, Carmen, Martha, Cavalleria Rusticana and Ernani will be given. Thursday night there will be no operatic performance, the house being occupied by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in the first concert of a series. There were present at the opening a large delegation of visitors from Baltimore and Philadelphia. The Holland Brothers next.

Maurice Barrymore, under the management of W. A. Brady, presented his new play, Roaring Dick and Co., to-night at Rappley's new National Theatre for the first time, and scored a strong success. The house was crowded with a well pleased audience. The play is from the pen of Mr. Barrymore and tells a strong and interesting story. Briefly the incidents surround the life of a young man who, turned out of doors by a wealthy father, goes to the dogs and becomes an adventurer of the more than shady type in conjunction with an even more desperate companion—the combination forming Roaring Dick and Co. Dick returns like another prodigal to his father's home in an English country town, pretending, in order to assure a favorable reception, to have acquired a colossal fortune. He plays upon the old man's capidity in hopes to finally acquire what he believes should be his, the right full inheritance of an only son. In the prosecution, however, of his designs, the subtle influence of home, the associations of his boyhood, and the love of a woman of beauty and refinement contrive to make him fairer in his purpose, and abandon his nefarious schemes. When by an accident, in which he is in no way concerned, the splendid fortune, for which he has been battling, is suddenly thrust upon him, he undergoes a profound revulsion. This great wealth he accepts, cynically enough, but devotes it all to the welfare of the needy and unfortunate; he becomes the almoner of the district, the kindly arbiter of a thousand little destinies. A delightful feature of the third act was a children's lawn party and musical festival during which one hundred little ones were served with a substantial dinner, and all the way from soup to ice cream. Mr. Barrymore as Dick Pontifex added another to his list of successes. He was most ably assisted by W. J. Le Moyne, C. Leslie Allen, Henry Bagge, J. W. Woodson, Edward Coleman, Jay Wilson, H. J. Holl-

day, James R. Smith, Morgan Conant, Edward Guilford, Edward McLaughlin, Edith Crane, Eva Vincent, Nina Gordon, Grace Valentine, and Frances Wheeler. The play was presented with special scenery prepared for the New York run. "President and Mrs. Cleveland," Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle, and a large party of up-to-date bores. Geo. Gray Cayvan follows.

Albough's Lafayette Square Opera House holds an immense audience who warmly welcome The Lady Sleazy back to the place of her American debut. Dan Daly, Marie Dreyer, Charles Danby, Annie Buckle, Richard Carle, Charles Kirke, and La P-tite Adelaide are particularly remembered. The Wonder Dance, as it is now called, by Marie Dreyer and Dan Daly, scored a tremendous hit, and had to be many times repeated. Fregoli comes next.

Paul Casanova opened at Rappley's Academy of Music as D'Artagnan in The Three Guardsmen to a large and appreciative attendance, giving a surprisingly clever and praiseworthy interpretation. The support was creditable throughout. M. Fatenotte, the French Minister and party occupied a private box draped and decorated with the French and American colors. The War of Wealth follows.

Charles E. Blaney, with A Baggage Check, has evidently struck another winning week. The Grand Opera House is full with an audience who remembered the many good things in A Baggage Check recently seen here. They were in this performance equally surprised and pleased. Louis Martinetti as Billy Butts was thoroughly successful, Lizzie Melrose, the Sisters Leigh, Grapewin and Evans, Nettie Back, Ludwig Heck, Mabelle Eckert, Charles Morgan and the Sisters Clayton introduced many brilliant hits. The Great Train Robbery comes next.

Jacob Litt's Shaft No. 2, with Frank Loefer and Marion Elmore supported by an excellent company, played Whitehall's Bijou Family Theatre twice to-day to the capacity. The sterling merit of this attraction should crowd this house at every performance. Peter Backy follows.

Harry Morris's Twentieth Century Mail is the magnets this week at Kean's Lyceum Theatre, opening to a full attendance. Rose Hill's Folly company comes next.

Isam's Oriental America has been booked for a return engagement at Rappley's Academy of Music, Thanksgiving week. JOHN T. WARD.

CINCINNATI.

Post-Election Prosperity—The Reigning Bills.—Little Items of Interest.

(Special to The Mirror.)

CINCINNATI, Nov. 9.

The election is happily over, and now we are setting down to the long heralded era of prosperity. The reaction is being felt at the theatres already, and good business is assured for good attractions.

Sol Smith Russell began his annual visit here at the Grand to-night before a crowded house. Mr. Russell has a distinctive following of his own in Cincinnati, and it was charmed by his beautiful creation of David Holmes in A Bachelor's Romance, which bids fair to rank with his impersonations of Noah Vail in A Poor Relation, and of the bachelor in Mr. Valentine's Christman. The supporting company is well chosen. William B. Crane comes next in repertoire.

Max Irwin in The Widow Jones was the attraction at the Walnut to-night, and drew well, of course. The Widow Jones is a good comedy of a high order, and pleased at once. The darkey songs of May Irwin pleased. John C. Rice is the leading man, and he is a good one. The evening scene, which is famous by the Vitaphone, was much applauded. Eddie Foy in Off the Earth is underlined.

The Fountain Square presented McSorley's Twins to two big houses yesterday. It was new to Cincinnati, but none the less welcome on that account. Ferguson and Emerick, the Irish politicians, are the life of the farce.

On the Mississippi was the bill at both performances at Henck's yesterday. The play has been seen before, but its popularity has not waned. A good pickaninny band is added.

McKee Rankin's famous play The Danites was given last night at Robinson's by Rankin's Players. Their production was genuinely appreciated. Later in the week the bill will be changed for Among the Pines.

The Star has Dave Marion's Extravaganza co. of vaudeville artists. A burlesque of J. Guter's comedy, A Florida Enchantment, is introduced with great effect.

At Leveson's Hall, Wednesday night, the comedy In Vermont will be acted by the Leveson Comedy company.

Willard Halstead, Madeline Madrell, and the Metropolitan Dramatic Co., will give in Old Virginia at the Auditorium for three nights beginning with Thursday. Manager Rainforth, of the Grand, was in New York and Manager Havlin, of the Walnut, was in St. Louis last week.

Lizzie Gonzales has joined Rankin's Players and is appearing in The Danites at Robinson's.

Fred Helford and Harry Vost, of the Walnut staff, two clever men of this city, introduced a stereoscopic song entitled "Two Stereoscopic of Mine" in the performance at the People's Saturday last.

Edward P. Coomers, the efficient assistant in the box-office of the Walnut, is to be married next Wednesday to Miss Ida M. Geiss of this city.

WILLIAM SAMSON.

BOSTON.

A Lively Theatrical Week at the Hub.—Boston's News and Gossip.

(Special to The Mirror.)

BOSTON, Nov. 9.

This is the liveliest week that Boston theatres have had this season. There is only one house in the city that does not make a change in bill to-night.

Oiga Netherole comes back to the Hollis Street and opened her engagement to-night in Canille. Later in the week Miss Netherole will present The Wife of Scarli, and the rest of her engagement will be divided between Denise and A Daughter of France, Joseph Hutton's own dramatization of "When Greek Meets Greek."

At the Tremont to-night, in The Sporting Duchess, Elita Proctor Otis played the part originated here by Alice Funcher. It was difficult to realize that it was the same character so different was the work of Miss Otis, who was never more charming than she was to-night. All the favorites of last year's cast repeated their successes and the new men have strengthened the piece materially.

When I got into the Museum to-night it was in the middle of the second act of Escalator, Jr. The music was familiar enough, but I had to rub my eyes to realize that this was the same piece which the Cad. gave there only a little more than a year ago. Most of Boston's swaggar amateurs were in the audience to-night, and they were true to admit that the current of Mr. Rice's fair choristers were an improvement over their own. I was disappointed that there is not a Harvard boy left in Cambridge to-night. When I got into the Boston Theatre I had no difficulty in realizing that fact, because at least nine-tenths of the University were present to see Anna Heid. The French chanteuse cannot find fault with her reception in Boston, and the engagement of A Father Must Be a Peculiar one. As for me, I have begun to study a French dictionary so as to find out whether her songs are really bad or not.

At the Castle Square this evening the members of the opera company gave Fra Diavolo the devil, but that was nothing new, because the work has been revived several times since the company began its career. Every time they revived it the critics go more and more into praise of Clara Lane's Zerlina. I wonder what they would do if she should try an opera written about the Clemenceau Case.

The Span of Life opened a week's engagement at the Bowdoin Square to-night.

The white Patti might turn green with envy if she had heard the Black Patti at the Columbia to-night. This is the first variety company to appear on the stage of the Columbia, and judging by the reception given Black Patti's troubadours the experiment will prove a success. During the past week Boston elected a Mayor, and to the executive council, but Mr. Alden did not occupy a box at the Columbia this evening, in honor of attaining a position never before secured by one of his color in Boston.

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Chimnie Fadden continues at the Park. The feature of the production is the wonderful work of Marie Bates as Mrs. Murphy. Everybody in Boston who has seen the piece is talking about this impersonation.

Edward W. McGlen, son of the late Harry McGlen, was married to Miss Mary Pierpont Crosby, of Boston, last week.

William F. Spaulding, who was well known as a bell-ringer and as the son of George Dean Spaulding, died at his home on Walnut Street, Neponset, last week from chronic Bright's disease. He was only twenty-five years of age, but had made a notable reputation as a bell-ringer, and carried along the name which was so familiar throughout New England a few years ago.

Charles F. Atkinson, of the Bowdoin Square Theatre, has leased the old Public Library building for five months, paying a rental at the rate of \$100 a week. As the trustees want to sell the property at \$10,000, they have reserved the right to cancel the lease at one week's notice. Mr. Atkinson will not make important alterations in the building, but promises to open it as a new week from to-night.

Ida Parks has returned to Boston, Newlin Beer's Lost in London company having closed at Randolph, Vt.

PHILADELPHIA.

Amusements Prosper in Quakertown—Offerings of the Week—Fenberg's Budget.

(Special to The Mirror.)

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9.

Prosperity reigns in the Quaker City. The mills in the Kensington district are starting up, giving employment to thousands of families, and with the general increase of business in the community has enabled our places of amusement to reap a rich reward.

De Wolf Hopper and his excellent company are at the Chestnut Street Opera House with El Capitán. The opera is superbly rendered and the costumes surpass anything offered in Hopper's previous productions. El Capitán remains until Nov. 30, when Beerholm Tree and his London company open here.

Georgia Cayvan opened to-night at the Broad Street Theatre, for week, appearing in Squire Kate, and won a genuine success. The piece is staged in an elaborate manner, and deserves popular recognition. Charles Frohman's Empire Theatre company follows Nov. 26, two weeks, with first representation of Othello, in this city, for opening week. E. H. Sothman, a Nov. 30.

Frank Daniels is in his second week in The Wizard of the Nile at the Chestnut Street Theatre. Lost, Strayed or Stolen comes here Nov. 23, for two weeks, to be followed by Frohman's Gay Parolians Dec. 3, for three weeks.

Reinold Reed with his latest success, The Wrong Mr. Wright, opened his two weeks' engagement at the Walnut Street Theatre to-night supported by a capable company, and will prove a strong attraction here, as the star is a popular favorite, and the new comedy abounds in amusing situations, which were received with hearty merriment and applause. Frohman's company, with Joseph H. Worth and Annie Russell in Squire Kate, Nov. 23, two weeks.

The Park Theatre is leased for the week to James and John Skelly, who have charge of amateur act and talent in Germantown and are very popular with church people, for whom they give many benefit entertainments. The programme here for the week is a new Irish play by Ernest Lacy, entitled Come-a-Shoo, with a good cast, if a success, the Skelly Brothers hope to inaugurate a starring tour. The supporting company includes Annie Dacre, Miss Sanje, Ella Craven, Mabel Norton, Mae Cody, Gretta Stovenden Halvey, Prince Lloyd, James A. Barnes, Edgar Norton, Charles MacLaine, Whitford Gert, and C. H. Love. The scene of the drama is laid in Kilken County. For week of Nov. 16, A Midnight Bell; Nov. 23, Peter P. Dailly.

Ermine is being given at the Grand Opera House by the Castle Square Opera company. The cast includes William Wolf as Ravennes, Arthur Wooley as Cadence, Edith Mason as Ermine, Rene Atkinson as Count, Ruth White as Corinne, Beatie Fairbairns as the Princess, Gertrude Quilan as the Captain, Florence Metcalf as Marie, William G. Stewart as the Marquis, Dan Young as the Chevalier, Thomas H. Perse as Eugene, Frank Ranney as Simon, and William Schuster as the Landlord. Pinafore and Cavalleria Rusticana, double bill, rendered in English for week 16, Nason El Lady Bountiful, with a strong cast, is being presented by the stock company of the Girard Avenue Theatre and is the centre of attraction for the week. The cast includes Emma Madders, Margaret Dale, Lillian Lawrence, Myron Smith, Joseph S. Everham, Edwin Holt, Robert Drouet, Edwin Middleton, Alice Shepard, Florence Loun, Anne Gash, Helen Ford, L. E. Fidenberg and Sheldon Lewis. Champagne and Oysters for Nov. 16.

Fo-eough's Theatre, where the stock company are appearing in Joseph, is doing its usual excellent business.

George McLeod, formerly manager of the Girard Avenue Theatre, is still in the city, and will shortly be interested in a new theatrical enterprise.

The remains of Mrs. Mary D. Mayo, widow of the late Frank Mayo, who died at her home, Canton, Pa., Oct. 30, were brought to this city, and the interment took place Nov. 2 in West Laurel Hill Cemetery. Many floral tributes from friends in this city and New York were received.

The Heart of Chicago, a spectacular melodrama, is the sensation for the week at the National Theatre, attracting to-night a large and well pleased audience. Northern Lights follow Nov. 16, Cotton King 23, Power of the Press 30.

The Park Theatre is the attraction for week at the People's Theatre. Come-a-Shoo is booked for Nov. 16, A Bowery Girl 23, Black Patti 30.

The Standard Theatre has a good attraction this week in The World, with J. Z. Little and a fair company. A Baggage Check is on the week of Nov. 16, followed by Shaft No. 2, 23, Come-a-Shoo 30, A Breezy Time Dec. 7.

Lumot's Minstrels have added McMahon and King, grotesque dancers, to the company at the Eleventh Street Opera House, with a new burlesque called McKinley Besieged, or The Rush to Canton. Business good.

At the last moment a change of bill is announced at the Bijou Theatre. Johnstone Bennett and S. Miller Kent, originally booked, have been replaced by Aubrey Souciaut, assisted by Helene Lowell and Will Bernard in the farce comedy, Wanted a Widow.

S. FARMER.

BALTIMORE.

The Hollands, Fregoli, Supcrba, Blondi, and Others in Maryland.

(Special to The Mirror.)

BALTIMORE, Nov. 9.

A fashionable audience assembled at the new Academy this evening to welcome E. M. and Joseph Holland in their play, new to Baltimore, A Superfluous Husband. While the Hollands have long been favorites here, their work last season at the Lyceum in A Social Highwayman added to their reputation and rendered those who witnessed that performance curious to see these talented brothers in something else. To-night this interest on the part of many has been gratified, for they both appeared to advantage in the main play of the evening, while E. M. Holland gave a striking impersonation of Colonel Carter, of Cartersville, in the curtain raiser of that title. The company assisting them is in every way capable and includes many well-known people, among whom are Minnie Ratcliffe, Olive Oliver, Blanche Burton, Norah Lamson, Ethel Douglas, Dullie Oberle, Mrs. Augusta Foster, Milton Lipman, John B. Maher, Thomas Oberle, Will J. Dean, Charles Harbury, C. D. Pitt, W. E. Butterfield, and

Walter Collier. Nov. 16, Metropolitan Grand English Opera company.

The Lyceum Theatre this evening threw open its doors for the season, and admitted its patrons to a little gem of a playhouse. It has been renovated throughout, beautifully carpeted, and is now even cozier than last season. Fregoli is the opening attraction, and to say that he entertained his audience but feebly expresses it. His performance is really marvelous, and one's interest is aroused to the highest pitch, for one is continually wondering what he is to do next. He is assisted by the Bosellis, excellent society entertainers, and Press Elbridge in his amusing monologues. Bury Don't was in advance of Fregoli. His visits to our city are looked forward to with pleasure by his many friends. Next week the Lyceum attraction will be a new Irish comedy, Come-a-Shoo, which is being presented this week for the first time at the Park in Philadelphia.

This is children's week at Ford's Grand Opera House, and they will make the most of it. Hanlon's Superba is somewhat like the circus in that it can always count on crowded houses here. The production this year is if anything finer and on a more elaborate scale than any former one, and the olio incidentally introduced is very attractive. The famous Schroder Brothers still perform their skillful gymnastic feats. Frances Hartley, Blanche Seymour and Saroni Lambert sing some of the popular songs of the day. Next week the attraction is Joseph Jefferson as Rip Van Winkle. During the week The Cricket on the Hearth and Lord M-Five Shillings will also be produced. Kean's Auditorium Music Hall is enjoying even greater success than The Minors predicted first at the opening of the season. It has caught the popular fancy. This week we have Biondi's American and European Specialty company, which professes a very fair list of entertainers, and the performance is well up to the mark. Next week, Hopkins's Trans-Oceanic company.

Dark-st America, a quasi-mimic performance arranged by Al G. Fields, will do a good week's business at the Holiday Hall. It will be followed by Freeman's Fun Makers in A Railroad Ticket.

The favorite Irish comedian, John Kernell, with The Van'ville Club company, is having it all his own way at the Monumental. John has following enough here to send him to Congress. The Rantz Santier Barleque company will follow.

HAROLD RUTLEDGE.

ST. LOUIS.

New Fourteenth Street Theatre Opened—Bostoniens at the Century—Current Bills.

(Special to The Mirror.)

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 9.

Trilby did a good business at the Hagan last week, notwithstanding it had already been seen here before and with the original cast. As Svengali, Charles Kent was good, and the Trilby of Eleanor Barry was excellent. Jennie Reiffarth made a capital Madame Vinard. The rest of the cast were satisfactory. Yesterday two crowded houses attended the opening performances of Al G. Field's Mammoth Minstrels. Many novelties were presented.

Sol Smith Russell delighted large audiences at the Century Theatre last week in his new comedy, A Bachelor's Romance. Mr. Russell played the part of David Holmes as only he could play it. The character fits him perfectly, and the tenderness and quaint drollery of his acting proved very effective. The Sylvia of Bertha Creigh on and George Denham's Merlin Beggs were also well acted, and the rest of the company gave splendid support. To-night the Bostoniens began an engagement, appearing in Robin Hood. During the week they will give Bohemian Girl, In Mexico, 1848, and Prince Anania.

Ward and Vokes in their characters, Percy and Harold, opened last night at the Olympic Theatre in A Run on the Bank. Many new and amusing specialties were introduced, and the two stars were as funny and amusing as ever.

Last Saturday night Manager George McManus opened the regular season of his new Fourteenth Street Theatre with E. J. Herley and his company in Deacon Brodie. The theatre has been refurbished and redecorated and looks very attractive. Saturday night a representative audience attended and congratulated Manager McManus on the auspicious opening of his new theatre. Last Thursday night and Saturday matinee Modesta H. Jordan's children's play, Nauda, under the direction of Jacob Mahler, was given. The children taking part in it did well and two large audiences were present.

Yesterday The Hustler opened an engagement at Havlin's Theatre, playing to two big audiences. The company includes a number of good singers, dancers, and pretty girls and the performance is up to date. Cal Hopkins had large audiences in attendance at the Hopkins Grand Opera House last week. Kit the Arkansas Traveler was well acted by the stock company. All day yesterday, from the time of opening until the lights were turned out, the theatre was crowded to see the presentation of The Galley Slave.

St. John Lucas, scenic artist of the Century Theatre, has painted entirely new scenery for the production of The Bohemian Girl by the Bostoniens Monday night.

Nearly all the theatres furnished election returns to their patrons last Tuesday night. W. C. HOWLAND.

OUT-OF-TOWN OPENINGS.

(Special to The Mirror.)

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Nov. 9.—Old Innocence is a big hit.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 9.—A Boy Wanted turned hundreds away at both performances. Best hit of the season.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Nov. 9.—Abe's Gaiety Opera co. opened to the capacity of the Lycoming Opera House in Amorita to-night.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Nov. 9.—Wills, Collins and Wills in My Dad did well to open to a big house here to-night, making a great hit in their new comedy.

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LYMAN-ZAHN.—Charles H. Lyman and Marie Zahn (Woods), on Nov. 5.

QUENTMEYER-WILLIARD.—H. F. Quentmeyer and Nellie Williard, in Milwaukee, Wis., on Oct. 21.

Died.

BLAKELY.—David Blakely, of New York city, on Nov. 7, of apoplexy, aged 65 years.

FRANKLIN.—E. K. Franklin, at Leadville, Col., on Oct. 27 of pneumonia.

GARNSEY.—Charles A. ("Jack") Garnsey, in Boston, on Oct. 23.

QUICK.—Henry Shafer Quick, at Fond du Lac, on Oct. 26.

SHIELDS.—Jack Shields, at Greenville, Tex., on Oct. 26.

SPAUDLING.—William F. Spaulding, at Neponset, Mass., aged 25.

SARONV.—Napoleon Saronv, in New York on Nov. 9, aged 75.

SMITH.—Russell Smith, in Glenside, Pa., on Nov. 8.

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GOOD TIMES.

THE cry of hard times has been so general in this country and so prolonged that the evidences of better times that have been general ever since the decision of the Presidential election are gratifying for very novelty. None but a disappointed politician would have the hardihood to prophesy that the acceleration of business in many directions is but temporary and deceitful. Citizens who find activity or make a living outside of politics—and they seem to be in a majority—are willing to accept tokens of reviving trade and industry as auguries of better times, if not of good times.

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A SIGNIFICANT TENDENCY.

SEVERAL months ago THE MIRROR printed an article written by a well-known dramatist describing a remarkable tendency at the Chautauqua Summer School toward the drama. The article disclosed the fact that not only did the school pay great attention to the dramatic classics in English and French in its classes, but also that plays, both classic and modern, were the subjects of frequent lectures and readings before very large audiences. The writer of the article in question advanced the idea that the measure of interest in plays discovered at Chautauqua among thousands of persons who were not patrons of the theatre indicated a call for a special theatre for their satisfaction. This idea was traversed by THE MIRROR at the time on the theory that the prejudice against the theatre shown by these persons who still were happy in giving rein to their natural dramatic instinct as best they could at Chautauqua was illogical, from the fact that some of the plays to which they gave study and heard read or explained at that resort, with many other plays in all respects as educational and enjoyable, are adequately represented today in theatres to the delight of audiences which collectively will probably compare favorably in intelligence, in social standing and in morality with any like number of persons who assemble at Chautauqua for pleasure or improvement.

Still, this dramatic demonstration at the great intellectual resort founded by leading lights of the Methodist Church is interesting, although somewhat paradoxical. A new hint of its scope is found in the current number of THE CHAUTAUQUAN, the magazine devoted to its system, in the form of a symposium on the plays of MOLIÈRE. The frontispiece is a picture of that author-actor; the first article, by F. M. WARREN, Ph. D., is a learned essay on "The French Drama in Molière's Time"; this is followed by an article on "The Survival of Molière's Plays," by FRANKLIN FYLES, the metropolitan dramatist and critic, who here cleverly traces MOLIÈRE's plots as they have been used openly and covertly in English drama; MARGUERITE MERRINGTON essays entertainingly on "The Women Characters of Molière"; and there is other writing in elucidation of the author's genius.

It is a pleasure for THE MIRROR to chronicle this evidence of growing liberality toward the drama among persons many of whose family traditions have frowned even upon the reading of a play. It requires but appreciation of the drama as it is embodied in books to lead its appreciators eventually to the temple wherein it is a living and a moving force for civilization.

A WRITER in the Nineteenth Century—a magazine which appeals to the thoughtful and philosophic intelligence—takes pains to analyze the English music hall song, which, of course, upon analysis, gives a fine opportunity for contemptuous essaying upon the grade of auditory intellect that makes the song both popular and profitable. It goes without saying that there are persons in goodly number, yet of a mentality that always places them in a minority, to whom the usual popular ditty—wherever it may be intoned—is something outside the pale even of toleration. The American music hall song does not materially differ in structure from a—though it may have a more legitimate motive than—the English example. But in song as in drama, the unexpected success steadily confounds the supposedly expert judgment, just as it suggests to supplying agencies the richness of the mine of appreciation that the great public embodies.

THE Emperor of Germany, who has done many things quite outside of the function of ruling a great nation—and done several of them surprisingly well—is reported now to be at work on a historical drama. There have been many kings who have made material for plays, but very few who have made plays. Perhaps with the lapse of time WILLIAM, by further experiments with avocations, will discover his real vocation in life.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

MONA CEBRAN—1. The actress you name is with the star mentioned. 2. THE MIRROR has no information on this question. 3. No. 4. No.
FLORA GARDNER KLING, Mount Vernon, Ind.—1. Misses Levick is Gus Levick's father. 2. Mark Smith, Jr., is nephew to the late Sol Smith, Sr. 3. Mrs. Chaffran, Mrs. John Drew, Jr. and M. S. Handyside are not sisters. 4. John Sleeper Clarke is father to Creston Clarke. 5. J. H. Anderson is brother to Mary Anderson.

E. G. MANDRELL, New Orleans, La.—You can secure a list of manuscript plays that have been produced in this country by sending twenty-five cents to Charles Barnard, American Dramatists Club, 1440 Broadway. He will send you the "List" published annually by the American Dramatists. A catalogue of printed plays can be secured by applying to T. H. French, Play Publisher, New York city (West Twenty-second Street).
FRANK L. STONE, Milwaukee, Wis.—The two principal schools of acting in New York City are the American Academy of the Dramatic Arts, at Carnegie Hall, and the Empire Theatre School of Acting, in the Holland Building, with headquarters at the Empire Theatre. The former is conducted by Franklin J. Sargent and the latter by Nelson Westcott.

GEORGE W. SUMNER, Cincinnati, O.—Reginald De Koven and Harry B. Smith both reside in New York at present.

PERSONALS.

GILLETTE.—The American Dramatists Club will give a congratulatory supper to William Gillette, who is a member of the organization, on Saturday evening, at the Arena, West Thirtieth Street. A reception will be held immediately after Mr. Gillette's performance in Secret Service, and supper will immediately follow.

THOMAS.—Augustus Thomas, who had dropped all kinds of desk work by advice of his physician, has just returned from a cycle tour.

NETHERSOLE.—Olga Nethersole has a French historical play in rehearsal. If it should prove a success, she will try to run it the entire season.

NORDICA.—Madame Lillian Nordica is engaged to appear in an oratorio and opera concert at Denver, Dec. 21, with the Denver Choral Society. Madame Nordica arrived from Europe last Friday, and will sing this (Tuesday) evening at Richmond, thence touring South and West, and returning to London in February.

DUPREE.—The engagement of Minnie Dupree and Major William H. Langley, of this city, is authoritatively announced. The marriage will occur at New York or at San Francisco, Miss Dupree's home, at the close of the present season.

TOY.—Joseph A. Toy has been appointed acting business manager of the Lyceum Theatre.

DANROSC.—Walter Danrosch has announced his intention to compose a light opera, which Fred C. Whitney will probably produce.

PEACHEY.—John Peachey is playing the leading part in Belle of Cairo at the Court Theatre, London, in support of May Yohe.

AYRES.—The American Society for the Improvement of Speech held a convention several days ago at the Carnegie Building in this city. But one of the city newspapers, it appears, made any note of the event. Alfred Ayres, whose articles in THE MIRROR have been read with interest, was one of the speakers before the convention, and his address was as pertinent as his writings are in pointing out errors of grammar and misuse of words in speech and writing.

BARRY.—Lydia Barry, the talented daughter of William Barry, is lying dangerously ill in Boston. She dressed in a damp dressing-room and had a chill, which developed into pneumonia.

GARLICK.—May Garlick is staying at the Laurel House at Lakewood. She will remain there several weeks. It is her intention at the expiration of that time to sail for France.

PITOU.—Augustus Pitou is personally rehearsing the company that will present his play, The Power of the Press, at the Grand Opera House on Nov. 23.

HAMPTON.—Mary Hampton, who will replace Virginia Harned as E. H. Sothern's leading lady, will appear for the first time this (Tuesday) evening in An Enemy to the King at the Lyceum Theatre. Mr. Sothern's first out-of-town date will be Brooklyn.

O'NEILL.—James O'Neill was highly complimented in Montreal for his Hamlet, which one of the critics pronounced the best seen in that city since the days of Booth.

MURPHY.—Tim Murphy has decided not to discard his clever sketch, Sir Henry Hypnotized. It will be introduced in his play, Old Innocence.

DICKSON.—Charles Dickson has collaborated with a well-known dramatist in the writing of a play in which several managers have offered to star him, it is said.

HOYT.—Mrs. Charles H. Hoyt (Caroline Alshel) is rapidly recovering her health, and hopes are entertained that she will be able to appear in A Contented Woman before the new year dawns.

WHYAL.—Russ Whytal's new play, Out Yonder, is said to be a most romantic drama, based upon episodes of actual experience.

SANTJE.—Miss Santje, whose brilliant performance of Clyde Harrod was a feature of Coon Hollow last season, has regained her health, and appears this week at Philadelphia in Ernest Lacy's production of his new play, Croma-bou.

MCCANN.—In The Looker-On for November John Ernest McCann has a one act play entitled Smoke, which deals with the love of a middle-aged artist for one of his young pupils. The scene is laid in Virginia, and the little play breathes the patrician atmosphere of that historic locality.

ABELL.—Una Abell left her home in Detroit last week to join the Lyceum Theatre stock company in this city.

RICE.—E. E. Rice is to be the beneficiary of a matinee performance that is being arranged by the many famous players who have been associated with his burlesque productions.

HERRMANN.—Herrmann the Great has entered his valuable thoroughbred horses at the Horse Show. They are used to the wearing of blue ribbons.

REHAN.—Ada Rehan's hair has turned quite gray since her visit to Europe, and the color is very becoming to the famous actress.

JORDAN.—Mabel Jordan will return to her home in Paris on Thursday on the *Furst Bismarck*.

PENFIELD.—Mary Penfield will soon return to London, where she will devote herself to literary work.

DREW.—John Drew was a prominent figure at the "dress rehearsal" of the Horse Show, Monday morning.

PALMER.—A. M. Palmer has gone to Chicago to prepare for the opening of the new Great Northern Theatre at that city. The Palmer stock company left for Chicago last Friday.

MERRY.—Harley Merry has secured a patent in Canada for his invention of "the Merry Pneumatic Bicycle Handle Grip," and he has applied

for patents in the United States, England, Germany, and France. The invention, according to competent judges, will prove indispensable to bicycle riders, as it avoids all jarring of the hands and shoulders. The "grip" will be placed on the market this week.

YOUNG.—William Young, author of The Rajah, is at work on a new play for a young actress of Chicago, who is soon to be exploited as a star.

HARE.—John Hare and his London company have arrived at Montreal, where they open their American tour next week.

HANNA.—Mark Hanna, business manager for President-elect McKinley, and family occupied a box at the Herald Square Theatre, Monday evening.

AN ANECDOTE OF BURTON.

John Brougham, in the old days, published in New York a comic paper which he called *The Lantern*. "Bill" Burton was no friend to Brougham at that time and there is reason to believe that no love was wanted on either side. It is related that Brougham on entering a restaurant one day found Burton with one of his chums seated at a table. Burton, as usual, was "fatigued." Observing Brougham's presence, Burton roughly replied to his companion's question "Have you read *The Lantern* this week?" by saying: "No, I never read the—thing unless I'm drunk—unless I'm drunk! unless I'm drunk!" Brougham immediately arose from his table, advanced, hat in hand, to the end of Burton's table and, making a bow in his most polite manner, observed: "Then, Mr. Burton, I'm sure of one constant reader!"

SANTA MARIA'S FIFTIETH PERFORMANCE.

Oscar Hammerstein's grand comic opera, Santa Maria, was performed for the fiftieth time at the Olympia Theatre on Wednesday evening, Nov. 4. A new finale for the second act was introduced, in which Camille D'Arville had a splendid chance to display the beauty of her voice. The chorus is also new and very fine. The finale is a great improvement and brightens up the act considerably. A new quartette was also sung in the second act by Camille D'Arville, Lucille Saunders, Julius Steger, and Alf Whelan. It is a tuneful bit and was loudly applauded. James T. Powers and Alf Whelan had a lot of new lines and business which improved their parts very much. Mr. Hammerstein has been working for weeks past on these and other improvements in Santa Maria, and the results are eminently satisfactory.

A SONNAMBULISTIC COMEDIAN.

There were long stories in the daily papers yesterday about Walter E. Perkins, who acts the leading part in My Friend from India. It was said that Mr. Perkins, who lives at 138 West Twenty-second Street, at about 2 o'clock Sunday morning was found on that thoroughfare by a policeman, dressed only in a long, white garment and a flowing wig, asleep, yet walking, and talking Shakespeare. When accosted and seized by the officer, Mr. Perkins became limp, it is said, and the doctor in charge of an ambulance that was called declared it a case of somnambulism. Mr. Perkins soon recovered, and was taken to his residence.

OPERATIC ARTISTS ARRIVE.

A majority of the celebrated artists engaged for the season at the Metropolitan Opera House arrived from Europe last week. Among those now in the city are Emma Eames, Oltzka, Bauermeister, Litvinne, Marie Engel, Jean de Reszke, Edouard de Reszke, Lualle, Goggi, Solignac, Aconda, Vachetti, Piancon, Castlemary, and Beviliani. To-day (Tuesday) the steamship *Essex* brings to us Mautelli, Cremonini, Ceppi, Vanni, Arimondi, Mancinelli, and D'Aubigne, who will be remembered as the sweet voiced Lloyd Daubigny, once of Augustin Daly's company. David Bigham is expected to arrive next Saturday.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND.

E. E. Rice and Joseph Herbert are hard at work upon their production of Alice in Wonderland, which is to be seen at the Olympia Auditorium about Thanksgiving Day. Lewis Carroll's fantastic versifying is said to give promise of many d-lightful music numbers, and his curious array of characters from the delirious Jabberwock to the philosophical walrus, furnish ample opportunity for the librettist. The scene painter, too, and the costumer should find plenty of new material in Wonderland.

EVANGELINE CLOSSES AT OLYMPIA.

Evangeline closed its run at Olympia on Saturday evening after a run of one week. Both Mr. Rice and Mr. Hammerstein made up their minds that it would be better to send the piece on the road.

The auditorium of Olympia is closed this week, but will reopen on November 16 with an attraction for which Mr. Hammerstein is negotiating.

EXODUS TO THE ANTIPODES.

George B. McClellan, representing the Australian firm of Williamson and Musgrove, has concluded arrangements by which Lillian Russell and her opera company will visit Australia in the Spring. Herrmann has also decided to try the island continent next season, and The Lady Slavey is likely to follow suit.

HARN WROUGHT BY A HYPNOTIST.

Some months ago a traveling hypnotist operated upon a youth named Westcott, at Forest City, Pa., and the boy has not been well since. Last week he relapsed into a hypnotic trance, and all efforts to arouse him proved fruitless. The hypnotist could not be traced, and the doctors say that Westcott will never recover.

PROSPECTIVE SUIT FOR THE MANDARIN.

Information has been received in this city that the proprietors of a comic opera, entitled The Mandarin Zune, which was produced at Providence, R. I., last Summer, intend to bring suit against the managers of The Mandarin, now running at the Herald Square Theatre, to recover damages for infringement of copyright on their title.

HEART OF MARYLAND AFTER RECORDS.

Manager Will J. Block reports that The Heart of Maryland, during its recent engagement at the Newark Theatre, played to \$1000 more than the receipts of a week earlier when De Wolf Hopper broke the house record.

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CONVULSED HER AUDIENCE.

At the French Ball is bright and of course Fanny Rice was bright and funny, as she always is. . . . One is always surprised at the amount of real fun she gets out of the smallest opportunities. She convulsed her audience with laughter. . . . Her songs were capital, and received triple encores. . . . In the third act the great Photo Pinaud Troupe of French grotesques and pantomimists did remarkably clever work. —*Boston Herald*, Nov. 3, 1896.

THE EIFFEL TOWER OF GUITY.

Fanny Rice has climbed to the top of the Eiffel Tower of society in At the French Ball. She fits her part as she fits her best dresses—snugly, tidily, charmingly. —*Boston Journal*, Nov. 3, 1896.

Marveled to hear Fanny Rice in At the French Ball win such rounds of applause. —*Boston Advertiser*, Nov. 3, 1896.

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THE USHER.



The spread of vaudeville in this country during the past year or two followed quickly upon its large development in England, where first actors of ability and prominence turned from the dramatic stage to the rich field of the music halls.

The same thing has been happening here, and players of comedy and singers of light opera are finding greater rewards in the circuit of continuous performance houses than regular professional engagements offer.

It is only in a few of the principal cities, however, that the vaudeville craze rages. It has not yet attained popularity or respectability in the more conservative communities of smaller size. This is shown in the comparative failure of companies of first-class performers organized for touring purposes. Outside of two or three places, Guilbert, Loie Fuller, Fregoli, and others who found enormous patronage in New York have received little attention from the public.

Perhaps in course of time the taste for vaudeville will become universal throughout the land, but at present its limitations are sharply defined.

The rapid development of vaudeville has been productive of two specific benefits, aside from the fund of good entertainment it provides for the people. It has improved vastly the character and quality of variety shows, and it has provided a profitable occupation for many actors whose tenure of success on the legitimate boards was becoming uncertain.

Former favorites who found the theatrical road dusty and popularity waning have been welcomed with open arms by the patrons of vaudeville.

The exodus of so many players—many of them stars of the second magnitude—from the dramatic stage has had a tendency to relieve the overcrowded condition of the acting profession and to make room for some of the newcomers that are always clamoring to be heard.

When all is said and done, therefore, although some managers are heard to grum because of the growth of the demand for vaudeville which they deem an invasion of their bailiwick, the new order of things is likelier to prove a benefit to everybody than an injury to anybody.

Complaint is heard on all sides of a dearth of strong attractions this season. There is more open time in the cities, not to speak of the small towns, than is usual at this stage of the game.

Is it because last season's hard times and discouraging experiences put a quietus on a good deal of theatrical speculation? Or does it mean that while there are more companies on the road now than ever before there are fewer of the sort that meet the requirements of the large cities? Or is the influence of the new fledged "combiners" making itself felt—disastrously tell—upon the theatrical common weal?

One or all three of these things may be the correct solution of the situation. It is certain, at any rate, that a good many theatre managers are wondering how they are going to fill the gaps in their booking books.

The Italian poet and dramatist, Giuseppe Giacosa, won his laurels as a writer of romantic plays. His exquisite one-act piece, *A Game of Chess*, spread his name throughout France and Germany after it had made him famous in his native land.

But the genius of the new ultra-realistic disease entered his intellectual system, and for the past five or six years he has been turning out plays of the odiferous description. One of these, *La Dame de Chantilly*, Sarah Bernhardt produced a few seasons back, but even her powers were insufficient to make it either palatable or successful.

Another of Giacosa's products is *The Wife of Scarli*, which was represented for the first time in English by Olga Nethersole last week in the City of Churches. The theme is old, to be

sure, but Giacosa has found a new and an amazing way of treating it.

According to the rules of poetic justice, founded upon generally accepted moral ideas, a husband is not permitted to forgive a wife who has been found by him in adultery; but in *The Wife of Scarli* such a human monstrosity is brought to light.

Perhaps Giacosa thinks in this creature he has discovered "the new husband." I do not believe he exists, however, outside of the Italian quarter of this city, which a few weeks ago revealed, through the medium of a police court, a husband who dwelt in amity with his wife and her lover until the latter ceased to supply him with beer money.

In Giacosa's play the husband pardons his guilty spouse on account of the child, and presumably the couple is of that curious mental structure that they are able forever after to banish from their hearthstone the spectre of Signora Scarli's lapse from wifely virtue, for she promises to reform and he is content to continue domestic relations.

Praga, in *An Ideal Wife*, has used the same idea; but in that case the husband is innocent of knowledge of his partner's sin. Giacosa's denouement is an abomination, and I doubt not that the ultimate fate of the play in this country will teach him the impossibility of condoning the sin of a faithless wife whose portion, according to all precedent, must be either physical or social death.

In spite of Miss Nethersole's osculatory trimmings, *Carmen* justified its dramatic treatment. The Spanish cigarette girl reaped the whirlwind. The falsity and the villainess of *The Wife of Scarli* must needs cause protest.

By the way, a French version of this same play—by Paul Alexis, I think—was produced in Paris at the Vaudeville four years ago, under the title of *La Provinciale*. It failed.

REFLECTIONS.

Miss Affie Warner is ill with tonsillitis. Ione Chamberlin sailed for Europe on the *New York* on Oct. 28.

Allene Crater has left *A Parlor Match*, and has been replaced by Aimee Van Dyne. Edith Crane will be Maurice Barrymore's leading lady.

George S. Bliss has been re-engaged for the reopening of *Our American Cousin*.

Smyth and Rice have sold the rights for production of *My Friend From India* in Italy, Denmark, Germany and Scandinavia.

Madame Litvinne, who is a member of the Abbey and Gran company, was compelled before sailing for America to cancel a season's engagements at Lyons and Moscow.

Florence Gerald has been engaged for the part of Mrs. Radford in *Brother for Brother*.

Frank H. Waite telegraphed from Ashland, Pa., that Blaney's *A Baggage Check* played to \$400 gross in that place last Friday night, and turned people away at 7:30.

Frank Cushman and J. Shriver Murphy have written a scenic farce comedy called *The Air-Ship*, in which Mr. Cushman will star this season. William Fennessy has assumed management of William Jerome's *Town Talk*.

Charles H. Mathews has gone in advance of *New York As It Is* for Jacob Litt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nunnemacher returned from a three months' trip in Europe last Wednesday.

Joseph Hatton, it is authoritatively announced, has definitely fixed upon *A Daughter of France* as a title for his dramatization of his own romance, "When Greek Meets Greek," which Olga Nethersole soon will present at Boston for the first time in America. The play was originally known in England as *The Roll of the Drum*, and afterwards as *When Greek Meets Greek*.

Mrs. Florence Sherwood Wheeler is very ill at her home in West Twenty-fifth Street. Her husband is also ill in Bellevue Hospital.

Manager Freeman, of *A Railroad Ticket*, has received an offer from Mr. Gates to buy out his interest in that play. Mr. Gates wishes to star his wife, Marie Stuart, who is a vaudeville artiste, and would make the *Railroad Ticket* the vehicle in which to present her. Miss Stuart has recently returned from South Africa, where it is said she made considerable money.

Laura Biggar now comes forward, relative to the employment of men as valets by actresses, and says that she engaged one three years ago, at the instance of her husband, Burt Haverly, after she had wearied of the airs of maids and their habit of wearing her costumes without permission.

Floy Crowell's Dramatic company includes Stanley Kent, Louis J. Fuller, Tony Cummings, C. Ed. Dudley, T. J. Jackson, Bessie Grayson, Margaret Terrer, Theresa Newcomb and others.

Madame Jennie Torriani, who has been studying with Madame Marchesi in Paris, made her first appearance in this country at Carnegie Hall, last Saturday evening, as soloist, with Walter Damrosch's New York Symphony Orchestra. Madame Torriani is a dramatic soprano. She sang an air from *I Pagliacci* with admirable effect. Her voice shows a careful training and

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Tom Jordan, agent for *The Pulse of New York*, goes next week in advance of *De Leon's* Comedians.

The Italian Dramatists' Society, through its American representative, is negotiating for the production in Italy of *My Friend From India*.

Among the newcomers in James A. Herne's company are David M. Murray, Guy Cramer, Alexander Paul, Allen Crolius, Lucy Morrow, Celia Clay Paul, Mattie St. John, Gladys Crolius, and Queenie Warner.

The Lyceum Theatre company are rehearsing preparatory to the opening of their tenth season. The first play will be a modern comedy-drama written by the young English author, Henry V. Esmond, which has not been produced yet abroad. The first performance at the Lyceum will be on Monday November 23. J. K. Hackett has returned from the road to appear in the cast.

Olga Nethersole will appear in Joseph Hatton's play, *A Daughter of France*, during her present engagement in Boston.

W. L. Buchanan has joined Edwin Hanford's *The Shamrock* company to play the leading heavy.

Herrmann entertained large audiences last week at Palmer's Theatre with the best of his familiar marvels and numerous new developments of necromancy. An Oriental mystery, called *The Miracles of the Mahatma*, made a deep impression. Madame Herrmann's dances brought forward some novel features and were much applauded.

Marie Zahn (Woods), of the Castle Square Opera company, Boston, and Charles H. Lyman, of Lowell, Mass., were married on Nov. 5.

Frank E. Baker, managing John Dillon, received the following at Carthage, Mo., Oct. 27: "Mamma and I are doing well. I weigh eight pounds.—RUTH BAKER." Mrs. Baker is Edith Ellis Baker, well known to the profession.

J. Albert Taylor, engaged during the past season in advance car No. 1 of the Barnum and Bailey Show, will go in advance of Captain Arch B. Snow, humorist and entertainer. Captain Snow will be remembered by older members of the profession as A. A. Armstrong, who, fifteen years ago, was a well known repertoire star.

The roster of *The Rajah* company is as follows: Charles Wilbur, manager; Frank A. Dodge, acting manager; Alf Johnson, stage director; C. H. Meyers, stage carpenter; W. H. Thomas, master of properties. Ralph P. Lewis, Charles Sinclair, A. E. Witting, H. Victor Marley, Alf

Johnson, Felix Dumas, Lillian Bayer, Mattie Davis, and Jennie Cleveland. Tour began at Valparaiso, Ind., Oct. 29.

Vernona Jarbeau, the popular lyric artist, announces her intention to produce next season a burlesque extravaganza based upon *Carmen* in which she will be seen as the heroine of *Merlimce*.

The opening of the regular season of the Lyceum Stock company announced for Nov. 23, has been postponed to the following day.

Lloyd Bingham has been engaged for Robert Hilliard's company.

Theodore Kremer, who plays the leading part in *The Nihilists*, was himself exiled to Siberia.

Colonel Mapleson has reduced the price of the best seats at the Academy of Music from \$4 to \$3. The New York engagement of the Imperial Opera company will close a week from next Saturday.

Nat D. Jones, of *The Cherry Pickers*, will act as stage manager for the Elks' benefit, Thursday afternoon.

A six-day cycle tournament is announced to begin at Madison Square Garden, Dec. 7.

An Innocent Sinner will have a metropolitan hearing next week, securing an unexpected date at the Star Theatre.

New York As It Is, the new melodrama by McKee Rankin, recently produced at Forepaugh's Theatre, Philadelphia, is under management of Jacob Litt, with the original company, for a season in the West.

A beautiful full-length portrait of the late James Lewis will soon be placed in the lobby of Daly's Theatre.

May Gallagher is in Paris, the guest of her friend, Mrs. John Drew.

Mrs. C. B. Bishop is recovering from the effects of a severe surgical operation.

From press clippings received it is evident that the International Opera company, directed by J. S. Leeburger, has made a pronounced hit.

Nellie Williard, of the Academy of Music stock company, in Milwaukee, Wis., was married on Oct. 11 to H. F. Amentmeyer, a prominent Milwaukee business man, and she will consequently retire from the stage.

Florence Roberts, who has retired from the Louisville stock company, is again in New York.

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W. L. Thorsell	W. L. Thorsell
Barbara Huntley	Barbara Huntley
Alida Cortellyou	Alida Cortellyou
Lotta Linthicum	Lotta Linthicum
Corona Riccardo	Corona Riccardo
Edith Pauline	Edith Pauline
Marion Nugent	Marion Nugent
Grace Tennant	Grace Tennant
Lily Child	Lily Child
F. Bernard	F. Bernard
Marjorie Cavanaugh	Marjorie Cavanaugh
Evelyn Weeden	Evelyn Weeden
Gertrude Rowell	Gertrude Rowell
Lillian McCarthy	Lillian McCarthy

No drama of recent years has achieved in London such extraordinary success as that which has attended the run of *The Sign of the Cross* at the Lyric Theatre, and no other play has rivaled its peculiar triumph in the English provinces. Clergymen have preached sermons about it, and sought their congregations to see it played; Wilson Barrett has been deluged with commendatory epistles from the high and from the low; and the remarkable religious drama is expected to run for another year at the scene of its present success in London.

The main idea of *The Sign of the Cross* is not a new one, having done duty on the stage before. A spectacular production entitled *Nero*, presented at Niblo's Garden in this city in October, 1890, was not utterly dissimilar, and, in its closing scene, even introduced the sign of the cross; but the spectacle at old Niblo's is not to be compared to Wilson Barrett's play in point of dignity, beauty or dramatic worth.

The time of the new play is that of the struggling early Christians at Rome, when the believers in Christ are falsely accused of plotting against Nero's already tottering empire. A little band of holy men and women gather to worship in a secluded grove on the banks of the Tiber, and there the rare beauty of Marcia, one of their number, is revealed by accident to Marcus, the young prefect of Rome. Nero, trembling upon his uncertain throne, decrees the extermination of the Christians and into the unwilling hands of Marcus is thrust the execution of the awful order. But Marcia's tender charm has wrought its gentle spell upon the prefect's heart, and he sets out to save the life of the Christian girl. Detected in this treachery to the will of his emperor, Marcus boldly appeals to Nero for the life of his idol, but the conscienceless ruler refuses to listen. Marcia's gentle beauty and her sweet words have opened the young prefect's eyes to the truth that is here, and, at length, converted to Christianity, Marcus clasps the fair hand of Marcia at the door of the arena wherein pitiless Rome and still more pitiless Romans hungrily await their human prey, and together hero and heroine go down to martyrdom.

Charles Frohman and Frank Sanger have duplicated for the New York production the magnificent scenic appointments used at London; the entire mountain is of an order most superb, and the costumes appropriately handsome and picturesque. Money has been spent upon the piece with obvious prodigality, evidencing the managers' faith that the place will here repeat the success it has won in England. Let it be said that *The Sign of the Cross* should realize in this country everything hoped for it by its importers.

William Greet's English company is a generally capable and efficient organization.

Charles Dalton makes a handsome, dignified, truly noble Roman, and is perhaps all that might be wished in the part of Marcus. As Nero W. A. Elliott offers a satisfactory impersonation and presents a remarkable embodiment of the terrible emperor as he has been pictured for us. Barbara Huntley is excellent as Poppa.

Lillian McCarthy is a sweet idealization of the suffering, crying, yet brave-hearted Christian maiden, and Alida Cortellyou is a beautiful pagan temptress. Lotta Linthicum as the dainty Dacia makes a pretty picture, and gives a delightful performance. The minor parts are all well played, and the large army of superns is excellently managed. Several songs, sweetly sung by Grace Dyer, and a tuneful chorus, are added pleasures.

Casino.—Jack and the Beanstalk.

Extravaganza in three acts by R. A. Barnett. Music by A. B. Sloane. Produced Nov. 2.

Old King Cole	Henry V. Donnelly
Jack Hubbard	Eddie Girard
Madge Lessing	Madge Lessing
Mr. Rose	H. M. Morse
Sir Harry Hatterwick	Hubert Wilke
Neverwash	H. L. Traub
Everybody	J. Craig
The Marquis de Carabas	Hilda Hollins
Oliver	Kitty Perry
Sir Guy Corbin	A. C. Butler
Princess Mary	Maude Hollins
Little Miss Miffitt	Merri Osborne
Puss-in-Boots	Marie Godoy
Sonnet Tuberosum	Ross Snow
Mrs. Rose	John Wilson
Apragone Blossom	Osma Dean
Caterpillar	Mera Caldwell
Old Mother Hubbard	Carrie Perkins
Silvia	Bertha Waring
Cyclometrix	Nellie Lynch

R. A. Barnett has woven about the familiar fairy tale of Jack and the Beanstalk a delightful entertainment which, albeit less diverting in dialogue than his popular efforts in the field of burlesque, is infinitely superior to *1492* or *Excelsior, Jr.*, in construction and in lyrical beauty. The simple story of the beanstalk is made to involve a merry throng of little fairyland folk whose doings will be a limitless joy to the children and a real pleasure to those of more years who have not forgotten the dear friends of nursery days.

Jack is introduced as the son of Old Mother Hubbard, and he sells the Cow with the Crumpled Horn to buy the wonderful Beanstalk upon which he and his good friend, Sinbad the Sailor, climb to cloudland, where is the castle of Ruse, the Giant who smells the blood of an Englishman. The Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe is the wife of the Giant, and she warns the intruders concerning her husband's cannibalistic predilections. Old King Cole and his daughter, Mary quite contrary, along with her companion, Little Miss Miffitt are also in peril of their lives, but they are all served by the timely aid of the Fairy Queen, who supplies "knock-out drops" for the horrid Giant and his wicked allies whom Mr. Barnett happily calls the Fort-Thieves. In the end they all turn up at Mother Hubbard's country place, where Jack weds Mary despite the protest of her father, who wished a match with the Marquis de Carabas, and the Marquis marries Puss-in-Boots. The Fort-Thieves appear at the last in conventional

evening dress, and announce that they have become a stock company in order to ply their dreadful trade in a legalized way.

The comedians were hampered by lifeless dialogue, which particularly handicapped Henry V. Donnelly. Eddie Girard's eccentric dancing and tireless energy saved his part. Madge Lessing as Jack and Maude Hollins as Mary were extremely pretty and sang their tuneful numbers most pleasantly. Carrie Perkins was a charming Mother Hubbard, her bright little dog sharing the applause that her performance won. Merri Osborne made a real hit as Little Miss Miffitt, and was encored repeatedly for her clever interpolated songs and banjo playing. Another hit was scored by Nellie Lynch in a ludicrous fainting scene that brought down the house. Ross Snow was exceedingly funny as a burlesque fairy queen, that reminded one of May Irwin in *The Post and the Poppets*, but was more grotesque. Hubert Wilke made an effective captain of the Fort-Thieves, and H. M. Morse was a remarkable giant, certainly twelve feet in height. The admirable chorus included more pretty girls than New York has ever seen in one program.

The music is all-ways tuneful, if seldom original, the scenery of Ernest Albert is a delight to the eye, the costumes are superb, and the stage direction of Ben Teal is a revelation. An electrical effect by which seven dancers were illuminated by countless multi-colored incandescent lamps was a thing of unusual beauty.

Garden.—The Mummy.

Farce in three acts by George D. Day and Allan Reed. Produced Nov. 2.

Prof. Ezra Van Tassel Smythe	Raymond Hitchcock
Prof. Jerry Gassett	Russell Bennett
Jack Tibbs	Cecil Butler
North Marston	Roy Fairchild
Hattie Van Tassel Smythe	Amelia Wingham
Alvera Gassett	Sydney Cowell
Eva Gassett	Caroline Kenyon
Mabel Woodruff	Frances Whitehouse
Cleopatra	Vivian Bernard
Ross Snow	Robert Hilliard

On Monday night of last week the Garden Theatre was comfortably filled for the first performance of a new English farce by Messrs. Day and Reed. The play went well with the audience, though at first a certain reserve was noticeable which, however, disappeared as the evening progressed.

The theme of the play is not new, nor are the situations wholly original, but the treatment of the subject is novel. Greater praise could not be bestowed upon any play. The dialogue is clever and really humorous. The weakening of the mummy, the unwinding of his ceremonial robes, the two professors, and his final scene are admirably devised. They reveal on the part of the authors a true appreciation and a capacity to present the funny aspects of life. Mr. Hilliard's selection was a wise one, and his piece possesses all the elements of a popular success.

The cast was adequate on the whole. The single act which serves for the three acts is quaint and artistic. Mr. Hilliard's conception of the resurrected Ramses was intelligent and humorous. He never exaggerated the broad comedy of the part, but played the early scenes of the play with suitable dignity and composure. In the second and third acts he revealed himself as a comedian in the true sense of the word.

Amelia Wingham looked pretty and acted well the part of a part Chicago maiden, but a trifle less of boldness would add a great deal to the effectiveness of her clever repartee. Raymond Hitchcock as Prof. Smythe and Russell Bennett as Prof. Gassett were both efficient. Vivian Bernard as the dusky beauty "who pleases the eyes of a line of kings" could have made even more of her part had she been permitted to play it in a quieter vein. Miss Kenyon as Eva Gassett and Miss Whitehouse as Mabel Woodruff played acceptably, though for some reason they actually shriveled the lives of the opening scenes of the play. Sydney Cowell played the part of a conventional old maid and Messrs. Butler and Fairchild acquitted themselves satisfactorily in small parts.

American.—The Broken Melody.

Comedy-drama in three acts by Herbert Keen and James T. Tanner. Produced Nov. 4.

Paul Borinski	Auguste Van Biene
General Ivanoff	Nelson Ramsey
Dickson	John Carter
Dudley Mortimer	Arthur Leigh
Ben Lear	Edouard Jone
Dr. Magrath	Edward A. White
Don Dick Spinnaker	J. Zephon
Duchess de Vernier	Elye Desmond
Mrs. Dickson	Kate Robertson
Her Mrs. Spinnaker	Elye Desmond
Mabel	Frances Brooke

A large audience last Thursday evening accorded to Auguste Van Biene, the actor-musician, an enthusiastic reception upon the occasion of his first American appearance in the *Broken Melody*, which he had played more than a thousand times in England, and which had made his name beloved in almost every home throughout the United Kingdom. Manager T. Henry French had imported nearly every member of the cast, and the entire performance was a faithful reproduction of the play as all England knows it.

The *Broken Melody* tells of a poor musician, a Polish refugee in London, whose loving wife is estranged through the malice of a conscienceless duchess, at the very moment when the struggling musician's long-cherished opera is accepted. The duchess loves the musician and contrives to keep husband and wife apart by threats of exposure to the Russian secret service officers who, she says, are hounding the refugee. A noble Russian whom the duchess regards as one of her adorers is wrought upon to further her infamous scheme, but it turns out that the supposed lover is really a spy commissioned to secure certain valuable documents from the duchess and, having accomplished so much, he manfully confronts the fair schemer, and the estranged couple are reunited.

In the first act, at the dictation of the duchess, the poor wife writes to her husband a letter saying that she goes away until danger is past, but the wicked woman alters the message to a farewell forever. The husband enters and seats himself at his 'cello to play his favorite melody, only to discover the fateful letter, and the melody is broken. At the end, he is again with his 'cello, striving to recall the lost air, when the wife, returning, steals up to embrace him, and, when he feels the touch of her hand upon his shoulder, the melody is restored. It is a pretty, simple play that makes no pretension to greatness, and achieves by its very simplicity a tender pathos and real beauty.

Auguste Van Biene is not alone a good actor and a remarkable musician, but a man of extraordinary personal magnetism. The sympathy of the audience was won the moment that he appeared, and was retained throughout the evening. As an actor he is always thoughtful, consistent, and sincere, and his work in the difficult finale of the first act could hardly have been better. As a musician, Mr. Van Biene needs no word of praise. His 'cello playing is that of a master, and his performance of Offenbach's

"Musette," with its sweet echoes, is of an order new here.

The supporting company is altogether excellent, the chief honors belonging to Elye Desmond for a brilliant impersonation of the duchess. Frances Brooke is charming as the wife, Nelson Ramsey makes an effective and dignified Russian, and John Carter furnishes an admirable character sketch as a faithful servant. Elye Desmond is delightful as a Russian Voles circus rider, who has married a comic honorable, neatly sketched by J. Zephon. Arthur Leigh cleverly portrayed a theatrical agent in a manner decidedly true to life, and Kate Robertson and Edward A. White capably represent a lodging-house keeper and an Irish housewife. Edouard Jone is a characteristic French lawyer, and brilliantly accompanied on the piano the star's 'cello solos.

The *Broken Melody* should not fail to appeal to a very large share of the population. It is mounted with care and generosity, and went on smoothly last Thursday evening as if it had been playing at the American for all the years it has run abroad.

People's.—The Nihilists.

Comedy-drama, in four acts, by Theodore Kremer. Produced Nov. 6.

Rafaelle Alexis	Theodore Kremer
Ivan Arkoff	E. D. Holland
Count Alexis	H. Clifton
Nicholas	J. P. Watson
Abraham	C. Hernandez
The Czar	Walter Fairbanks
Michael	M. Spencer
Peter	I. Cusack
Karel	S. Cohen
Wanda von Zibrows	F. L. Willis
Baroness Olga	Florence Lytle
Countess Tolstoy	Laura Almonimo
Pedro	By Himself

The attraction at the People's last night was a play new to this country, called *The Nihilist*, or *The Assassination of the Czar*. As the name implies, it is a drama of Russian life, and deals largely with the political conspiracy which resulted in the murder of the Muscovite ruler.

Rafaelle Alexis, a student at the University of Moscow, is betrothed to the Baroness Olga. Ivan Arkoff, a friend and fellow-student, is also desirous of marrying Olga, and with a view to getting his rival out of the way he arranges a scheme whereby Alexis is made to appear to be engaged in a plot to murder the Czar. The scheme, however, is eventually spoiled by Arkoff's discarded mistress, Doris, whom he had unknowingly taken into his employ as a servant. Besides the plotting and the love making there is considerable comedy.

The scenic features are not particularly elaborate, but the scenes themselves are not lacking in the elements calculated to satisfy an East Side audience. The house was packed to the doors, and the audience was roused at times to a high pitch of excitement.

The principal part, that of Rafaelle Alexis, is taken by Theodore Kremer, the author of the play. Mr. Kremer's work was clever and seemed to please the audience. As Ivan Arkoff, E. D. Holland made an excellent villain. Laura Almonimo as Olga and Florence Lytle as Doris were also very good.

Murray Hill Theatre.—Too Much Johnson.

Comedy in three acts, written by William Gillette. Revised Nov. 2.

Augustus Billings	George Backus
Mrs. Augustus Billings	Maud Haslam
Mrs. S. Upton Patterson	Kate Meek
Franci Faddish	Robert Wilson
Leonora Faddish	Anna Belmont
Henry Macintosh	Herbert Fortier
Joseph Johnson	Eugene Jepson
Mona Leon Datin	Thomas Valentine
Frederick	D. H. Gildworthy
Steward	Ogden Wight
Sellery Louton	Thomas Erison
Messenger	Joseph Madden

If the company which reserved *Too Much Johnson* at the Murray Hill last week is not up to the standard of the original one, there was no indication of it in the degree of approval manifested by the opening night audience. George Backus's personality is scarcely suitable for a comedian's, but as Augustus Billings he managed to create a great deal of merriment.

Maud Haslam as Mrs. Billings acted with ability and excellent taste. Kate Meek was an exception to the average stage mother-in-law in that she did not overdo it. It would be difficult for anyone to cause more laughter in the part of Joseph Johnson than does Eugene Jepson. As the Franco-American, Thomas Valentine is equally clever. Robert Wilson as Faddish, Anna Belmont as Leonora and Herbert Fortier as Herbert Macintosh are also satisfactory.

Academy.—Grand Opera.

Colonel Mapleson kept faith with the New York public so far as the repertoire announced for last week was concerned. *La Traviata* was given at the Academy on Monday night, *Il Trovatore* on Tuesday night, *Les Huguenots* on Wednesday night, *La Sonnambula* on Friday night, and *Aida* was repeated at the Saturday matinee.

Madame Hariclee Darclee, who made her first appearance in America as the Violetta in *La Traviata* on Monday evening, proved herself a dramatic soprano of a superior order, and was the recipient of much applause. Signor Betti also made his first appearance at the Academy on the same occasion. If his singing as Alfredo and his subsequent vocal offering as Elvino in *La Sonnambula* are fair samples of his vocal rating, he is far from being an operatic tenor whose singing would be apt to soothe a soul in purgatory. He is immature and colorless both in his singing and acting, and his stage presence is not imposing.

The new comers in the cast of *Les Huguenots* were Signor De Marchi and Madame Perignozzi Albini. Signor De Marchi as Raoul proved himself a very different sort of tenor from Signor Betti. He possesses a fine voice, which is heard to especial advantage in dramatic passages which he sings with intensity and fervor. In the famous duet sung by Raoul and Valentina toward the close of the opera, Signor De Marchi and Madame Darclee aroused the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. Although their singing of the duet smattered somewhat of melodramatic exaggeration, and was not always within the bounds of artistic control, it had the genuine thrill of passion, and consequently took the house by storm. Mme. Albini cannot be said to have fully met the vocal requirements of such an exacting role as that of Queen Margherita. She sang sweetly and pleasingly, but her voice was not sufficiently powerful to do justice to the role in such a large house as the Academy. Mme. Scatchi as Urbano and Signor Ughetto as Conte de Nevers were both excellent.

Madame Huguet made her New York debut as Amina in *La Sonnambula*. She possesses a soprano voice of exceptional sweetness and flexibility, and acts with more intelligence than the average prima donna. Her singing of "Ah! non credes" and "Ah! non giunge" made the house ring with applause, and taking her for all in all, she seems to be the most satisfactory soprano of the entire company, although her voice is not as powerful as that of Madame Darclee.

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Faust was presented last evening with Signor Ramficio as Faust, Signor Dado as Mephistopheles, Signor De Anna as Valentin, Signor Terzi as Wagner, Mme. Scatchi as Sieb, Mme. Meyersheim as Martha, and Susan Strong as Margherita. Mrs. Strong, who made her debut in New York on this occasion, is a Brooklyn girl who studied abroad, and sang with gratifying success at Covent Garden during the London opera season.

She was apparently suffering from nervousness when she made her first entrance in the second act, but recovered from this drawback as the performance progressed. She possesses a sympathetic and well-cultivated voice, and her singing of the role of Margherita was on the whole very creditable.

Signor De Anna and Madame Scatchi sang with their usual artistic efficiency and were enthusiastically applauded. Signor Dado was not an ideal Mephistopheles, so far as his personal appearance is concerned, and his singing of the role was rather commonplace.

Signor Ramficio possesses a well-sung small tenor voice that would sound better at an afternoon than in grand opera. Madame Meyersheim was satisfactory as Martha. Signor Bimboni conducted with inspiring results both for the chorus and orchestra.

Faust will be repeated at the Saturday matinee, and the second performance of *La Sonnambula* will be given on Wednesday night.

The principal event of Colonel Mapleson's present season at the Academy will occur on Friday night, when Giordano's *Andrea Chenier* is to be presented for the first time in America.

Murray Hill.—Pudd'nhead Wilson.

The sudden death of Frank Mayo, the adapter of Mark Twain's book, "Pudd'nhead Wilson," and originator of the title-role, necessitated a search for an actor capable of filling the requirements of a rather difficult character. It would have been difficult to find one better fitted to the part than Theodore Hamilton, who models his characterization after Mr. Mayo's, playing it in the same droll and quiet vein, and who seems to have duplicated the success of the originator.

With but few exceptions the cast is the same as that which presented the play at the Herald Square early last season. Arnold Daly is earnest as Chambers, Lucille La Verne is both interesting and entertaining as Patsy and Eleanor Morrell in a forcible Roxy. Frank E. Aiken as York Driscoll, Frank Currier as Pembroke, gave finished performances in their respective roles.

A large audience greeted the play at the Murray Hill on Monday night.

Grand Opera House.—Primrose and West.

Primrose and West's Minstrels opened a week's engagement at the Grand Opera House last night before an appreciative audience. This organization is too well-known to require detailed notice. Primrose, West, Wall, Walters, Wilson, Howe, Whalen, Windom, Davis, Dicken, Miller, Pritzkow, Kent, Miller, McKinley, Carmichael, Dixon, Tucker, Glen, Moore, Tucker, Reese, Craig, Williams and the others of the large company contributed in accordance with their respective gifts to amusement. The contrasting sketches of "Minstrelsy in the Past" and "Minstrelsy Up to Date" were appreciated, and the specialists were happy in their acts. A good week's business is certain.

Star.—Girl Wanted.

Girl Wanted, the amusing farce that serves to present Frank Bush in his varied specialties, is this week's attraction at the Star Theatre. Mr. Bush is decidedly clever in his way, and the audience were quick to appreciate and applaud his work. The company afford acceptable support, and specialties introduced by Clinton Williams, John and Harry Dillon, and Queen Hetherington brightened the performance.

Lydia Yeomans Titus, assisted by Fred J. J. Titus, sang some new songs, and received an enthusiastic welcome.

At Other Houses.

BROADWAY.—My Friend From India is playing to crowded houses.

BROADWAY.—Brian Bors still attracts a host of comic opera lovers.

COLUMBUS.—Northern Lights returns to town in all its pristine glory. Primrose and West's Minstrels gave a concert Sunday evening, in white face.

DALY'S.—The Geisha continues in its tuneful way to large patronage.

EMPIRE.—John Drew and Rosemary regularly crowd the theatre.

FIFTH AVENUE.—Lost, Strayed or Stolen has but a fortnight longer to remain.

FOURTH STREET.—The Cherry Pickers is on for a long run.

GARRICK.—Secret Service is doing an enormous business.

HARLEM OPERA HOUSE.—The Heart of Maryland appeals for the first time in Harlem, with Mrs. Leslie Carter and Herbert Keley in the leads.

BOY'S.—A Florida Enchantment continues as the bill.

LYCURE.—E. H. Sothern is nearing the end of his engagement in *An Enemy of the King*.

OLYMPIA.—Santa Maria has been supplied with new melodies.

BROOKLYN THEATRES.

Montauk.—Honors Are Easy.

The first presentation here last evening on any stage of Paul Leicester Ford's political comedy, partook largely of the nature of a high social function. Mr. Ford writes with literary ability of undeniable merit and pronounced social proclivities. His ample fortune permits of any desired indulgence in these channels, and his prodigality in entertaining has long been notable in the most exclusive circles of Brooklyn society, both of literature and fashion. Honors Are Easy is in four acts, and has been most admirably cast by Charles Frohman, who has selected some of his best known and finished players for its interpretation. The central figure of the play is a character more or less familiar, that of a political boss who is enmeshed in a complex plot of love and politics. The author has woven an interesting story, told in brilliant dialogue. His characterizations are drawn from life and vividly depicted. Everything experience and foresight could do to insure success has been brought to bear in this production. Its reception by a crowded house was all that could be desired, and what its wearing qualities may prove to be remains a matter of interest that the week will determine. Mrs. Leslie Carter and The Heart of Maryland come on Monday next for a fortnight's sojourn.

Park.—The Liliputians.

But once before, and then at the Academy of Music some four or five years ago, had these clever little people ever been seen at any of the down-town local houses until last evening, when they introduced *The Merry Tramps* here to an assemblage of delighted auditors. All the amusing pranks and whimsicalities of Franz Ebert, Adolph Zink, and Selma Goerner made familiar recently at the Star in New York and in the Amphion last week, were repeated and augmented with some new ones more droll, if possible, than ever. They keep their audience constantly on the qui vive with their impromptu and mirth-provoking quips, it seeming as if they never knew the meaning of fatigue. The three ballets introduced, designated as *The Harvest Festival*,

Light and Lamp, and The Silver Lace, are really admirable and well deserved applause. The performance in its entirety is well calculated to please both young and old. Next week, Pudd'nhead Wilson is presented by Theodore Hamilton will be the attraction here.

Amphion.—For Fair Virginia.

Run Whist's interesting play, For Fair Virginia, founded on incidents of the Civil War, was presented at the Amphion on Monday night and was greeted by a good-sized audience. The Whistals, who gained much favor last season by their earnest portrayals of the emotional characters, John Laughlin and Virginia Edmund, respectively, were seen in the more congenial roles of Stephen Dunbar and Nell Edmund. The characters are more in line with their usual work, Mr. and Mrs. Whistal both being clever light comedians, and their success was instantaneous. The parts of John Laughlin, Edward Edmund, and Virginia Edmund are in the hands of Alexander Kearney, George F. Farren, and Helene Lowell respectively, who acquit themselves creditably. The production is handsomely mounted, most of the settings being new. Francis Wilson and his latest success, Half a King, will be here next week.

Columbia.—Half a King.

After a consecutive run of fifty-seven performances at the Knickerbocker Theatre in New York, Francis Wilson transferred his latest venture to this stage last night, where, before an immense audience, Half a King was given exactly as in New York. Mr. Wilson was in the best of spirits and had his audience with him from first to last. Lady Glaser, always a strong favorite, scored heavily. Mr. Wilson's able company, numbering J. E. Miron, John Brandt, Edward Temple, Clinton El'or, Agnes Gail, and Christie McDonald, all acquitted themselves with their usual credit. The advance sale gives every indication of a most profitable season. During the week of Nov. 18, Ada Rehan will be seen here as Katherine, Lady Gay Somers, Rosalind, Lady Teazle, and in Love on Crutches.

Gaiety.—The War of Wealth.

Jacob Litt's elaborate production of C. T. Drey's play The War of Wealth opened at the Gaiety on Monday night, and the lovers of the realistic drama turned out in great force. The play is mounted in the same lavish manner that marked its New York production, and many of the New York cast are found in their old roles. The ever-popular Maggie Cline is underlined in On Broadway.

Notes.

The Grand Opera House had a large audience sitting in judgment on The Last Stroke.
Willard Lee in The Heart of the Storm is at the American Theatre.
Reilly and Wood's Big Show had the customary Monday night assemblage at Hyde and Behman's.
The Cotton King could not pick out any vacant sittings at the Bijou Theatre.
Fay Foster's troupe had the standing-room sign displayed at the Star.
In the Heart of the Storm is at the American this week.
Hopkins's Trans-Oceanics headed by the Kinematograph and Carroll Johnson will try to pack the Empire.

CURIOSITIES AT THE BROADWAY.

Manager Andrew A. McCormick, of the Broadway Theatre, received last week from a gentleman residing at Middlebury, Vt., two curious old programmes of the old Broadway Theatre, in this city, one bearing date Oct. 11, 1882, and the other Dec. 31, 1822. The sender wrote that Manager McCormick might keep either one he wished and return the other. So it is that the ancient bill of New Year's Eve 1822 is to be framed and hung up in the box office of the Broadway. This bill announces the appearance of Mrs. Gilbert in Jane Shaw, followed by a stirring melodrama The Wood Demon, with "A Bower of Real Roses." At the bottom of the sheet is promised the first American production of Guy Fawkes, or The Gunpowder Plot, on Jan. 1, 1823. The other programme records a performance of The Antiquary and Adeline, but the names of the players, excepting that of Mrs. Gilbert, are all unfamiliar now. The bills are in good condition considering their age, but are hardly up to the modern typographical standards.

E. S. WILLARD ARRIVES.

E. S. Willard and the chief members of his company arrived from England on Saturday, and proceeded direct to Boston for rehearsals at the Tremont Theatre, where their season opens, Nov. 16, when The Rogue's Comedy, the latest play by Henry Arthur Jones, will be presented for the first time in America. Those specially engaged to support Mr. Willard this season, and who accompanied him from the other side, are Olga Brandon, Mrs. H. Cane, Agnes Knight, Violet Armstrong, Maude Vanner, Oswald York, H. Cane, Arthur Bromley Davenport, E. W. Thomas, and Hugh Harting.

NAPOLEON SARONY DEAD.

Napoleon Sarony, the famous photographer, died yesterday at his residence in this city, unexpectedly, of heart disease. THE MIRROR reserves until next week an adequate sketch of this remarkable man, whose work reflected credit upon his art the world over.

BROADWAY TIME FOR HILLIARD.

Frank L. Parley has been offered time at a Broadway house for an indefinite run of Robert Hilliard in The Mummy as soon as his present engagement ends at the Garden. It is doubtful, however, that existing contracts will permit Mr. Hilliard to remain in the city. The Mummy has proved a strong success.

OPEN TIME.

In THE MIRROR's advertising columns this week the attention of traveling managers is called to open time in the Greenwall Theatrical Circuit Company chain of theatres, which are located in New Orleans, Atlanta, Savannah, Galveston, Houston, Fort Worth, and Dallas. A list of open dates is given in the advertisement, and managers should make application to the American Theatrical Exchange, Knickerbocker Theatre building.

OBITUARY.

Henry Shafer Quick died at Fond du Lac, Wis., on Oct. 28. He was manager of Longmish and Atwater's company in 1882, and was prominently connected with Ed Clifford and Edwin Forrest, playing old men parts with rare skill. In the days before the war he managed the Rice Theatre in Chicago and was associated with J. H. McVicker. Later he had resided in Fond du Lac, where he arranged many amateur performances.
E. K. Franklin, business manager of Darkest Russia died at Leadville, Colo., on Oct. 27, of pneumonia.
Charles A. ("Jack") Garnsey died at his home in Boston on Oct. 25.

Jack Shields, who had been exhibited as a giant in various circuses throughout the country for many years, died at Greenville, Texas, on October 26. His brother is now traveling with Sells Brothers' Circus.
David Blakely, general manager of Sousa's Band, died suddenly of apoplexy in his office at the Carnegie Music Hall Nov. 7. He it was who provided the capital for Bandmaster Sousa to begin his successful concert tour. He was sixty-five years of age and resided at 50 West Eighth-street.
Russet Smith, called "the last of the old-time scenic artists," died in Glenside, near Jenkintown, Pa., on Sunday. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1812, and came to this country when a lad. The deceased painted scenery for Forrest and other stars and managers of Forrest's time.



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GAWAIN'S GOSSIP.

Clement Scott Weathers a Storm of Censure.
—A Trio of New Productions.

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

LONDON, Oct. 30, 1896.

Since my last week's postscript, briefly hinting that I had been much upset at Mrs. Kendall's attack on dramatic critics, especially on Clement Scott, we who take any interest in



LILIAN MENZIES.

dramatic criticism as she is wrote have suffered several emotions, not to mention morals.

For, be it noted, that not only has that gifted but somewhat garrulous lady who is known as the Mother of Modern Drama attacked our Clement more or less volitionally, but of late he hath been attacked more or less surreptitiously by sundry other stage players, including certain actor managers nameless here for evermore or for the present anyhow. Indeed, just after sending that perturbed postscript of mine last week did I receive tidings of a dead set made at Clemmy by a group of our best dramatists, with them a few leading play-actors, who attempted to "give away" our hero. I call him our hero for reasons which will presently appear. Now, it chanced that this group of attackers performed their attacking in a certain leading club, and they also chanced to do so in the presence of Sir Edward Lawson, proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, of which paper our hero is dramatic critic.

And what did the short but shrewd Sir Edward do? Why, like a little white man (although, *entre nous*, he is very ruddy), Sir Edward reproved those irreverent spirits, showing (1) That this was neither the time nor the place to vilify an employee of his, and (2) That the said Scott would continue to be dramatic critic of the *D. T.* so long as he (Sir E.) wished, which would be so long as he (C. S.) continued to perform his duties to his (Sir E.'s) satisfaction. Whereupon certain Omnes, or rather such Omnes as had attempted thus to browbeat that *Daily Telegraphic* magnate what time he sought to take his ease at his club.

Mark you now the sequel! Whether because of this clubland contretemps or in spite of it this deponent (meaning the undersigned) sayeth not, may be because this deponent hath his reasons. But, anyhow, this very week, and as soon as possible after the above mentioned club "incident," out comes the *Daily Telegraph* with an extra special announcement, if you please, letting all men know by these presents that the *D. T.* proprietors, noting that Clement Scott was just entering the twenty-fifth year of his engagement as dramatic critic of that journal, had resolved to mark the occasion by making a special arrangement with him whereby he would for the future "exclusively confine his valuable services" to that journal.

This announcement was so obviously a rejoinder (*anglais*, "a smack in the eye") to the aforesaid sundry denunciations and detractors of the equally aforesaid Scott that it fell like a bombshell amid the Scotophobiaes. Whereupon many of them, like the equally extreme Scotophobiaes, sent Clemmy congratulatory telegrams galore, and, of course, the Scotophobiaes Scotophilized yet more gushingly than hitherto. From an early hour on the day of the *D. T.* announcement interviews and similar fearful wild fowl invaded the Clement S. otish native heath, situate and being at No. 15 Woburn Square, Bloomsbury, and at the moment of writing testimonials and things are looming large. We are, of course, now all waiting for Mrs. Kendall's testimonial.

For my own part, perhaps some touch of the "personal equation" is necessary. I need not inform those of your multitudinous readers who honor me by reading these mine from our metropolis that I am not so often in accord with the critical views of my old friend Scott, nor with his method of expressing the same—and this I say, while not unkindful of, nor ungrateful for, many kindnesses he has rendered me in connection with certain works of mine in another capacity which need not here be specified. But this I must say that I am heartily glad of this action of the *D. T.*'s with regard to Clement Scott, for one reason that I believe he deserves the trust thus reposed in him, and for another because I rejoice at this prompt and dignified action against a certain class of persons who would dictate to others and who think that no dramatic critic is worthy of the name who does not butter them, in and out of season, with the very thickest butter that can be laid on.

To conclude, when (before writing this) I just happened to meet Clement and his handsome wife, I found him baring up nobly and even more chirpy than hitherto.

Excitement has been somewhat rife in certain of the inner theatres touching a certain divorce case which was heard and settled on Tuesday. This was the case of the actor's eloping wife, hinted at by me some weeks ago. The petitioner was J. H. Barnes, so well known on your side and ours as "Handsome Jack"; the wife was an actress at one time known as Marie Williams, but subsequently playing under another name. The co-respondent was another actor, Charles Glenney to wit, who if I remember rightly has traveled a little in your States. There was no

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FROM THE HUSTON GLOBE.
Little Trixie, a comedy-drama, new to Boston, with May Smith Robbins, a subretitle star, in the title-role, was seen at the Grand Theatre for the first time yesterday. The play has many bright lines and some catchy music, and in it are introduced a score of specialty numbers. The support given Miss Robbins was excellent. She appears in it in six different characters, and displays her versatility in every one. Fred Robbins, who appears as Socrates Winterpippins, a musician manager, is very clever, and the remainder of her company is up to the standard.

There are some thrilling situations in the piece and have week of Dec. 14 open, also time in February and March. Address FRANK ROBBINS, Manager Little Trixie Co., care MASON. Lyric Theatre, Hoboken, N. J. Nov. 12, 14.

defense, and anon a decree nisi was pronounced. It is a sad business altogether, especially, I think, for the woman who has been for nearly eighteen years a gentle and most devoted wife—and pretty as a picture.

Edward Terry has caught on big with his new production, *Love in Idleness*, at his own theatre, to which he has newly returned. The piece has been written for him by Louis Napoleon Parker, the poetical part-author of *Rosamond*, and E. J. Goodman, a *Daily Telegraph* man who once wrote a somewhat startling book called "Too Curious." The new play is a charming comedy of the Sweet Lavender type, and, therefore, healthy to the backbone. Terry represents an indolent, procrastinating old fellow unafraid to the core—prone to make any sacrifice to help one in need, and yet prone, like many well-meaning people, to cause all sorts of trouble by lack of judgment and discretion. It is a splendidly written part and splendidly acted. It forms nearly the entire play, though there are some few other opportunities for acting, and these are chiefly seized with true power and art by H. De Lange, one of our best character actors and stage managers, and by Bella Pateman, who steps for the nonce out of melodrama into pure comedy, and acts so that no one need regret her stepping "Gillie" Farquhar, a relative of the bank of that name, plays a funny old man in his well-known funny old manner.

Perhaps, just by way of broad contrast, Miss Thalia, who supplies comedy wholesale, retail and for exportation—has so ordained that the new comedy with which George Alexander opened his second theatre, the *Royalty*, on Saturday should be as unhealthily in tone as *Love in Idleness* is healthy. It is not quite so flagrant in tone as some critics have asserted, but it is quite bad enough; and I do not remember that there has been at the *Royalty* a play so inherently asure, not to say ultramarine, since Kate Santley, who is still proprietor of the house, produced *La Marjolaine* there getting on for twenty years ago. The new play in question—meaning the questionable new play—is called *His Little Dodge*, and has been adapted by young Justin McCarthy, husband of Clisel: Loftus, from *Le Systeme de Rebarbier*, written by Georges Feydeau and Maurice Hennequin. It treats ostensibly of hypnotism but supposed infractions of a certain commandment form the play's chief "humor"—save the mark. I grant that the piece has several droll situations and some excellent bits of characterization, also that it is for the most part admirably played especially by Fred Terry, who proves an admirable light comedian; Weedon Grossmith, ever droll, and Ella Jeffreys, a young lady who is beginning to add quite an artistic talent to what our police court reporters would describe as her "considerable personable attractions." But still the whole piece leaves an unpleasant taste in the mouth! We really do not need plays of *The Pink Dominoes* and *La Marjolaine* class now. Why, look how respectable even the Criterion, once the home of adaptations, has become! Wyndham wouldn't have put up *Rosamond* there twenty or even fifteen years ago, I warrant me.

Sir Henry Irving last Saturday opened a new free library which has been presented to the pretty Surrey hamlet Dulwich, by Passmore Ed-

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lively and musical clippers. The girls in the company are pretty and versatile and add some good specialties. FROM THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER.
LITTLE TRIXIE MADE A HIT.—An agile, versatile little woman made her first appearance in Cincinnati at Havlin's yesterday afternoon as a star, and before many moments had elapsed she had sung and danced her way into the favor of the audience. Miss May Smith Robbins, who is better known at other places than in this city, made her debut in her musical force, Little Trixie. She was not heralded as the greatest woman in her line in the world, but she succeeded by virtue of her own worth in gaining more genuine applause than has been bestowed upon more pretentious people. In some respects Miss Robbins reminds the spectator of Lotta. She assumes five characters very well, indeed, her impersonation of Parepa Rosa being a splendid bit of work. One matter the management can boast of, and that is the show is clean and refined.

While Irving was thus haranguing the Dulwichites his theatre, the Lyceum, was being occupied by John Hare, who was engaged in giving a farewell matinee prior to embarking today (Friday) for your side. The interesting occasion drew quite a Lyceum audience, which means that it was as crowded and chic as distinguished as could be. On this occasion the finished little comedian appeared as Eccles in *Caste for the first time at the West End*. His only other London appearance in this character was at the Strand for a couple of nights a week or two ago.

Hare was, as stage students will remember, the original Sam Gerridge in *Caste* when it was produced by the Bancrofts thirty years ago at that Tottenham Court Road playhouse which they made so famous as the fashionable Prince of Wales's, formerly a kind of "gaff" locally known as "The Dusthole," and now a Salvation Army barracks. And though Hare is now well into the fifties I am inclined to think that he would have done better to retain the character of Gerridge the gasfitter, which he was wont to play so humorously and realistically. Frankly, in spite of all the gush that has been poured upon it, I don't care for Hare's Eccles after the impersonations of that character by those fine low comedians, George Honey and David James. Hare's seems comparatively colorless. You can, of course, see that a highly artistic actor is at work all the time, but he lacks, in this part, what we used to call "unction" in speaking of low comedians. Moreover, he makes Eccles's grammatical lapses with too much intention. Being a bit of a playgoer and enthusiast myself, as well as being an intense admirer of Hare's work as a rule, I am anxious to read what your critics say of Hare's Eccles. The said Gerridge was again played splendidly by Hare's son, Gilbert, and that without copying his father's famous performance in any one particular. Fred Kerr, recently a manager on his own, was an excellent Captain Hawtree, and Frank Gilmore, son of Emily Thorne, and nephew of Thomas and Fred, played admirably as George D'Alroy, especially in the last act. Susie Vaughan, the big but younger sister of the once renowned but lately unfortunate graceful dancer, Kate, can play most things, from burlesque up to tragedy; she once more proved her versatility by giving a careful impersonation.

At the close of the performance Hare, in response to a loud demand, spoke a few words of farewell. His references to the generous encouragement he had received not only from our public but also from yours—among whom he recently went as a perfect stranger—manifested

true feeling, and in his thanks to Americans who received him so heartily, and that at a time of much storm and stress among you, were, I feel sure, spoken from his heart. We shall be glad to see John back again.

Herewith is a photo of Lilian Menzies, a young actress who, after sundry successes in provincial pantomime and musical plays, got a footing in London, with the accent on the "footing," for it was as a dancer that the fair Lilian gained her first metropolitan chances. Anon, however, in *The New Barnard*, at the Avenue, and subsequently in *The Little Genius*, at the Shaftesbury, she obtained opportunities to show her devotion to Thalia as well as to Terpsichore.

The great production of the week, and one concerning which the papers teem with adjectives of the most superlative kind, and London playgoers are already talking, is the big spectacular dramatic ballet, *Monte Cristo*, which George Edwards and company have put on at the Empire in Leicester Square. The scenario of this has been worked into two act dramatic form by "Richard Henry," which is the collaborative name of Richard Butler, editor of the *London Referee*, which has just amid thousands of congratulations celebrated its one thousandth number, and of one H. Chance Newton. These collaborators wrote the Gaity Monte Cristo, Jr., burlesque, which poor Fred Leslie and Nellie Farren brought to your shores some years ago. For reasons which you, Mr. Editor, and many a friend in your nation will grasp and appreciate, I am unable to write any special notice of "Richard Henry's" scenario, but I may, perhaps, be allowed to say that the London critics unanimously hold that it dramatically and graphically sets forth the chief incidents in Dumas's marvelous romance.

As a spectacle of wonderful scenery alone the production is remarkable. No finer scenes than the harbor of Marseilles, the prison and ramparts of the Chateau d'If, the Monte Cristo treasure cave, and the same long p-secuted hero's palace, have ever been seen, even at the Empire, which is noted for magnificence in this regard. The management has also considerably beaten its own fine record for splendid and gorgeous costumes. As the hero, Signorina Crainazzi, looking and acting wonderfully like Fechter in the part, makes a great hit. It is a fine piece of intense and pathetic dumb show. So is the Mercedes of the beautiful Zaufretta, wife of the eminent pantomimist and animal actor, Charles Lauri. Madame Katti Lanner's group of charming dances, Wilhelm's rich and artistic dress designs and Leopold Wenzel's five hundred page score are among the biggest and best features of this production. In short, the newest Monte Cristo is a spectacular eye-opener.

By the way, the Palace Theatre, which a week or two ago was given its promenade by the County Council, has this evening lost it again at the licensing meeting.

GAWAIN.

NOTES FROM ABROAD.

J. L. Toole's Scotch tour closes Dec. 16, after which he will rest on the continent.

Sarah Bernhardt has just celebrated her fifty-second birthday.

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LAST WEEK'S BILLS.

was thrown open last week, and attracted very large audiences. The "Bal Champetre," described in another column, was preceded by

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OLYMPIA'S "BAL CHAMPETRE."

Gendarmes strolled about preserving order and flower girls dressed in fancy costumes circulated, distributing boutonnieres and smiles.

PAPINTA'S PLANS.

THE "COMBINE."

THE CHERRY SISTERS COMING.

ELECTION DAY BUSINESS.

VAUDEVILLE JOTTINGS.

James H. Powers, manager of the Flying Jordan Vaudeville, arrived in the city last Thursday, and

the time is all filled, and that the company will be the best of the vaudeville world. The first will begin Thanksgiving Day at Rochester, and will include engagements in all the principal cities of this country, after which a tour of the foreign countries will be made. The Flying Jordans finished their last week at Koster and Bial's on Saturday, where they have met with phenomenal success.

Alfred Hickman, the little Billie of Trilby, will appear at the Pleasure Palace, when he finishes his engagement with A. M. Palmer. He will do a sketch with his sister, who bears a striking resemblance to him. They will impersonate brothers.

Charles Dickson and Lillian Burkhardt have had offers to go to Australia and to England next Spring, and are undecided as to which one they will accept. Mr. Dickson has purchased three new one-act plays.

Leon Lewis has achieved a remarkable success with the Zee company. In Fall River and Worcester, Mass., she received splendid press notices, and last week at the Standard Theatre in this city she repeated the success she made on the road. Miss Lewis is a really a very little performer, and has a very bright future before her.

Chas. M. D. D. occupied a box at B. F. Keith's new theatre in Boston on Wednesday night last. It was his first visit to a continuous theatre, and it is needless to say that he was surprised and delighted with the beauty of the house and the entertaining performances.

Winifred, the serpentine dancer, is considering an offer to go to Australia.

Pauline Hall's vaudeville repertoire includes the E. M. Lullaby, "Because I Love Thee," a ballad, and a song from The Honey-mooners. For the last song she uses a Swiss boy's costume.

Watson and Dupree have closed with Robie's Bohemian Burlesquers, and opened with The Night Owls last night.

Edna Aug. who was with Rush City last season, and who is now in vaudeville, made a pronounced hit with her specialty in The Hoodoo during her recent engagement at the Brooklyn Music Hall.

The Ammon-Clerine Trio, who headed the bill during their engagement at the Lyceum, Chicago, are finishing their Western tour, during which they have met with great success. They have made many improvements in their musical act, with which they will surprise their admirers on their return East.

Biggs and Buns, who will shortly sail for Europe for a three years' stay, will make their last American appearances at the Pleasure Palace and Proctor's Theatre.

A stock ticker giving quotations and general news has been placed in the Garden of Palms at the Pleasure Palace, so that those interested in the ways of the world may combine business with pleasure.

Mrs. Joseph Palmer, known on the stage as Peggy Bran, arrived in New York from Chicago on Wednesday last. She went to a boarding house in Fourteenth Street, and on reaching there became violently ill. She recovered in a few minutes, however, but had another attack shortly afterwards, and had to be taken to Bellevue hospital.

Hugo Steinbeck, a member of Froite's Pantomime company, struck on his head after diving through a trap one night last week. He became unconscious, but recovered very soon, and was able to appear as usual the next day.

The Sidman's made a big hit at the Academy of Music, Milwaukee, last week.

Miss Amanda D'Australia, a protégée of Lord Bransy, Governor of Australia, has arrived in San Francisco, and is one of the attractions at the Orpheum. If she pleases in Frisco, she may be tempted to come to New York.

Dolly Theobald, who has been with Rice, Hoyt and McKee and others, has taken up vaudeville. She has a baby specialty which is said to be very clever. She has been pleasing the patrons of Hopkins's Chicago house during the past week.

Thorn, the juggler, assisted by Lulu Thorn, finished a very successful tour of the Davis Circuit on Oct. 31. He has also been well received recently in Rochester, Buffalo and Toronto.

Low Dockstader presented a new sketch last evening at Tony Pastor's, in which he appeared as Jaunt De Fench, manager of the Peachkill Opera House. It was written by George Homan and Mr. Dockstader, and is a companion piece to his impersonations of Cleveland, Mayor Strong, and Benjamin Harrison.

VAUDEVILLE CORRESPONDENCE.

CHICAGO, ILL.—All of the vaudeville houses were packed election night and some of them gave midnight "matinees," which were not so very successful owing to the early receipt of the news of McKinley's election. It was a night long to be remembered in Chicago, standing room was at a premium in the streets with the mad up to one's knees. The Masonic Temple R. of Garden, was opened on election night and an excellent vaudeville show given before a big house; all of the acts were cored and Raymond Stephens, formerly of Rice's 1402 co., read the returns from the stage.

Hopkins's Theatre. As usual Colonel Hopkins had a big and well selected cast at his house, and it was impossible to get a seat at 6 o'clock, and the S. R. O. sign had to be taken in throughout the week. When the Miraculous man called he was obliged to occupy a small corner that had been overlooked by accident. The performance was a splendid one and enjoyed greatly by the large crowd. Charles Wayne was the star. He is a comedian of the unique kind, and his methods are refreshing. The Eddy Trio of acrobats were excellent. Major Burke in a lightning gun drill. O'Brien, Jennings and O'Brien were good in a comedy skit. Evelyn Britton looked pretty and sang sweetly. Dunn and Joe appeared in a bright society satire that created much laughter. Dolly Theobald proved herself a cute little comedienne. The stock co. gave The Pearl of Savoy. The Vitaseco continues to be an important part of the programme.

Schiller Theatre. The business is very large at this handsome theatre, and the attractions have been more than satisfactory ever since the opening. "Dick" Gardner has proved himself to be perfectly capable of giving the people what they want, and immense business has resulted. Among the new-comers of last week's bill was Emily Lytton and Edmond Hayen, who appeared in a piece called A French Marriage. They were well received and their performance pleased. Wags and Maddox are a pair of odd comedians and mimics who have originality. They made a hit. William Pruette, Marie Bell, and Florence de Lanson, in a short travesty on Carmen made a decidedly favorable impression. The Dunham trio of horizontal bar performers did some wonderful tricks. Rex and Reno, Harding and Ah Sid, Mile. Olive, and Professor Edwards and his intelligent horse, Banner, made up the balance of the bill.

Chicago Opera House: A long and interesting programme was offered by Manager Castle at this superb continuous theatre, which included the names of Ellis and Moore, Lew Hawkins, Melville and Conway, Doherty's Poodles, James McAvoy, James B. Macra, the Glaser-Titi Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew, Bernard Delyon, Carmen Sisters, Carl Rickard, two Danvers, George Gale, Mile. Madeline, and Frank Hall.

Olympic Theatre: Another list of clever performers was headed by George Thatcher, assisted by Ed Marble. Richard Golden kept the audience happy with his monologue. Watson and Hutchings. The Mimic Four, Charles A. Loder, Musical Glee, Harry Fenton, Appleton Brothers, Murray-Leslie Trio, Moore and Staley, Fambourne McCarthy, The McKees, John and Lottie Burton, James B. Mack and the Cyclops Brothers, all deserve special mention.

Lyceum Theatre: One can always find a good show at Colonel Grenier's palatial house. The following were the entertainers: The Electric Comedy Four, Murphy and Mack, Charles Case, Folk and Collins, Harry and Kitty Pink, Charles H. Duncan, Grayson Sisters, and Wertz and Adair.

The Royal Music Hall: The managers of Chicago's new music hall have taken for given their patrons excellent attractions, and there is little doubt that the venture will be quite successful. The Ben Mowatt Trio were the best number on the bill, and these three club experts merit all the good things that have been said about them. There are a number in this line of specialty work, but it is doubtful if any are superior to them. The little fellow who is a member of the trio can almost equal many of the well known club-singers. The balance of the acts which were also presented were above the average, and the encores were frequent.

Sam T. Jack's Opera House: Miaco's City Club co.,

a burlesque organization that is made up of many shapely girls, played to big business, and they deserved it. The costumes, scenery, etc., were splendid, and Manager Miaco has one of the best road burlesque companies of the season. Fanny Everett is still the principal burlesquer, and a number of others acquired themselves creditably. Robert Fulton is the business-manager. He is a hustler.

The Orpheus: A very evenly-balanced coterie of specialty people were on the boards, and judging from the many encores, the audience was greatly pleased. George C. Davis, the mimic, is a very talented young man, and his impersonations are worthy of notice. The others were Hallen and Mack, Bertha Dorian, Ed Neola, Grace Woods, Carmenelli and Lucille, Mile. Loretto, Emma Weston, Frankie Bell, and the Orpheus stock co.

Imperial Music Hall: Vaudeville and opera is still the policy at John Corbin's hall, and Myra Bonella and the Metropolitan Opera co. have caught on in fine shape. Said Pasha introduced the co. advantageously, and the variety part of the bill contained considerable talent.

Thomas McKay, of the Schiller Theatre staff, has recovered from a recent severe illness, and is again on deck passing out paste boards from the box-office window.

At Sam T. Jack's headquarters reports from all of his cos. are most favorable, and this season promises to be one of the best in the history of the "Burlesque King." Hopkins's many theatres are all doing a phenomenal business, and the Colonel is to-day one of the foremost of vaudeville managers. Nothing is too good for his patrons, and they have him to thank for the many novelties, features, etc., which he has given them.

The past week there were no vaudeville theatres erected in Chicago, and strange to say there were no rumors of any contracts having been let for that purpose.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—There are now seven places of amusement in the Quaker City devoted to vaudeville, viz.: Gilmore's Auditorium, Bijou, Trocadero, Lyceum, Kensington, Arch Street Theatre, and Brandenburg's Museum, each producing a weekly change of combinations and attractions which at times keeps the managers hustling to keep up to the standard, and thus far this season excellent programmes and satisfactory returns have been the result in the majority of the theatres.

Free performances on Election day and night at the Trocadero and Lyceum Theatre, matinee, evening, and an extra performance commencing at midnight and ending at 3 A. M.

The Boston Howard Atherton Specialty co., always a strong card, is duplicating its former success this week at Gilmore's Auditorium. The Monograph, a new picture machine; Morton and Mack, Sam and Kitty Morton, Grovini and Murray, Susan Lavine, Eddie O'Dell, gymnast, Collins and Collins the principal features in Andy Hogue's aggregation.

This week inaugurates the eighth year of the successful Bijou Theatre, which by judicious management has acquired the proud distinction of being in the front rank of our theatres, besides being one of the best paying places of amusement in this country. The programme presents a E. A. Kendall, Anna Zehra and Vera, Morris's Twentieth Century Maids follow week 18, and Rush's spectacle of Excelsior, giving a delightful entertainment, is the drawing card at the Lyceum, and presents many novelties. The co. includes Mile. Sylvester, Fish and Quigg, William McKee, Ruth Ward, and Courtney and McFarland.

Everett's Pair Sex Burlesquers are at the Kensington this week to fair returns. Jerome's Black Crook 16.

Ed R. Barton, of Van Leer and Barton, is seriously ill in this city, and will be given a benefit at the Park Theatre 20.

Madame Flaska and her lions, Virginia Knapp, Professor Struck, Martha Family, John F. Clark, Ida Gilday, Van and Vera, Wilbur Mack, John and Lulu Keegan, and Clark and Angeline are the features for week at Brandenburg's Museum.

The English Pantomime Extravaganza co. in Cinderella at the Arch Street Theatre are not a success, business has not and the show a great disappointment. There are some clever people, dinky costumes and antique scenery, in short a performance not up to standard.

James Thornton's Elite Vaudeville co. comes to Gilmore's Auditorium week of 18. Russell Brothers 20. Johnston, Bennett and S. Miller Kent, after being announced for this week at the Bijou Theatre, were withdrawn, and Aubrey Boucicault, assisted by Helene Lowell and Will Bernard in Wanted a Widow put in their place. Louise Truax, the wonderful child whistler, was also added and made a big hit. Ugo Bonaldi, rival of Fregoli, comes to the Bijou week of 18.

Reilly and Wood's Big Show is booked for the Lyceum week of 18. S. Fawcett 20.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—The Orpheum continues to draw big houses. This week's bill contains the favorites of last week with a few changes in their turns and one or two new ones. Howard and Bland, in their original creation, The Babe and the Kid, made a big hit. The original Quaker City Quartette is a strong feature and good drawing card.

Amanda d'Australia is a good singer with a beautiful voice. She went well, but her selections are a little too classical. Detroit Brothers are still here doing a strong acrobatic turn.

BOSTON, MASS.—There is a great bill at Keith's this week, headed by Lockhart's elephants and the Cincinatti Bros. The others are Billy Emerson, Clifford and Ruth, Burke and Forest, the Mahan-back Arabs, Ladies' Schubert Quartette, Fielding, Post and Clinton, the Cosmopolitan Trio, Delphino, Roberts and Allen, Mat Farman, Comedy Three, the Valieres, F. Wilbur Hill, Barry and Benson, Dyer and Howard, and Frey and F. Elds.

Katherine Ker in The Clemenceau Case is the dramatic attraction at the New Grand this week. A production of living pictures is a new card, and in the olio are J. M. Weber, Lizzie Clifford, Jasper Reed, Lettie LeVine, the Ricketts, Tague and Daniel, P. N. Morton, Robert T. Tyrrell, Sam Johnson, and the Grand Comedy co.

In addition to the performance of Wife for Wit by the stock company at the Grand Opera House, the bill this week includes F. Jones Harrison and her black boys, Horwitz and Sowers, Arthur Rigby, Marion Blake, Herritt and Gallagher, and Kameand Kilmer.

Fynde and Sheridan's City Sports are at the Grand Athenaeum this week. In addition to the company will be given a h. e. olio presenting Lizzie B. Raymond, Liston, Deverian and U. A. Lavender and Tommon, Gerlie Harrington, Vanetta and Pine, Kamochi and Mile. Perkins.

Ed F. Rush's White Crook company is at the Trocadero this week. The olio includes Monroe and Melrose, Agnes Belier and Anna Yale, Dixon and Lang, Colby and Dewitt, Williams and Edwards, and Lester and Patterson.

Black Patti's Troubadours are at the Columbia this week. In addition to Black Patti appear Mr. and Mrs. Tom M. Intosh, Bob Coles, Billy Jones, Coggin and Davis, Ste. le Wiley, Kingsbury and Cousins, the De Wolf Sisters, C. L. Moore and Lloyd G. Gibbs.

The Watson Sisters and their company are at the Lyceum this week. The olio includes Thomas Robinson, Fay and Clark, Heath and Sifer, Vera Dore, Beutley and Cameron and the Watson Sisters.

At Astor and Stone's this week the vaudeville bill includes the living photos, Sisters Christie, Welch and Stead, the Four Testaments, McMahon and King, Whiteley and Stewart, Charlie Diamond, Helen Raynard, Kilroy and Rawson, Mac Britton, Ross and Farry, Carroll and Larkin, Avondale Brothers, Dick Leggett, John Emmett Welch, Dick Pinkett and the Carleton Brothers.

Millie Christine is at the Masonic Temple for a few weeks.

Colonel Frank P. Stone won several thousand dollars as a result of the election. Had he lost one bet he would have had to eat a bushel of oysters.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Hopkins's Grand Opera House played to a packed house all last week. Vernon-Jarvis headed the list of attractions, giving a budget of new songs and character impersonations. She made the biggest kind of a hit. Edith Kingsley shared the honors with her as to popularity and appearance. She has a sweet voice and sang her own composition, "Down on the Ohio," as well as other of her compositions.

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The other vaudeville acts made up one of the strongest bills of the season. Week of 9 14 the acts include: The Eddy Trio, Cushman and Holcomb, Zanella, the Musical K. E. A. O. Duncan, Moore and Price, O'Brien, Jennings and O'Brien, White and Harris, and others.

Hyde's Comedians opened to two fine audiences at the Standard 8. Among the features besides Helene Mora, Johnny Wild, Conroy and Ritchie, the Four Cobans, the Newsboys' Quintette, Thorne and Carlton, Harris and Walters, Norton and Emmett, Billy Carter.

The Globe Theatre, 160 South Seventh Street, a third-rate vaudeville house, was gutted by fire last Thursday morning. Little besides the outside walls was saved. Daniel Trydell and Joseph Komita, lessees, with their wives and a number of others, Harper, Start, and J. J. Maldon, actors living in the building, escaped by their lives. William G. A., stage-manager, jumped from a window on the top floor and was badly hurt. The damage to the theatrical effects is estimated at \$5000, to the house \$7000 to \$8,000.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Manager Harrington put on another strong bill at the Columbia 27, and business continues very good. At the head of the list was Pauline Hall, who made her debut in vaudeville here. She scored a decided success, and was given a cordial reception. Other specialties were given by Fawcett and Sinclair, the Four Ricards, D. diploma, Helene Sisters, Lavender and Thompson, Flora, Armin and Wagner, and the Four Troubadours. Among those engaged for week 9 14 are Jones and Robinson, Three Devines, the Gleasons, Freddie Huke, Lorey and Esparter, De Wolfe and Lulu Waters, Hilda Thomas and Frank Barry, McKee and Crimmins, Elinor Gavini, and Ella Weaver.

Rice and Barton's Rose Mill English Folly co. occupied the Westminster Theatre 27, and did a good business. Two burlesques were presented. In the olio were Blanche Newcomb, Cain and Mack, Hickey and Nelson, Willard and Browne, and Barton and Eckoff. Sam T. Jack's Bull-Fighter 9 14.

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JERSEY CITY, N. J.—The Bon Ton Theatre is crowded at each night performance, and the programme presented is all right. Opening 27 were the dainty dancer, O. Letta, in a Southern sketch, assisted by pichaninies; Sheridan and Forrest; Charles and Millie Lavelles, trapezists; Bryant and Cleaver, Lowell and Lowell, Professor Torga and his dogs and wrestling roos; John E. Incr and Emma Brennan, Frank S. Mack, Dots and Don, Pat and Mattie Rooney, Kennedy and Stewart, Dutch and Irish comedians.

John E. Keefe, piano player, is back in the Bon Ton orchestra, but only at the matinee performances.

Last 7 and Williams and Stanley and Furey will head the bill at the Bon Ton Theatre 9 14.

John Mayon, of Walton and Mayon, is at his home in this city on account of Gotthold's Gigantic Gathering of Celebrated Celebrities closing season.

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The drawing for gold watches twice a week at the Bon Ton Theatre is commencing to catch the ladies. WALTER C. SMITH.

CINCINNATI, O.—People's had Sam Devere's Own co. 8 14. Devere, Florence Miller, Caulfield and Carlton, Al Grant, Flynn and Walker, Larry Smith and Mamie Champion, the Bagmens, Rosalie, and Cathryn Rowe Palmer are in the co. The show ends up with a musical force. Next week, Field and Hanson's Drawing Cards.—The St. or has Sam T. Jack's Orange blossoms co. 1 14. Two good burlesques, and the olio contains Sigfried, the G. Liden Trio, Anna Dare, George E. Beban, and the Alibees. At both theatres extra performances were given elect in night.

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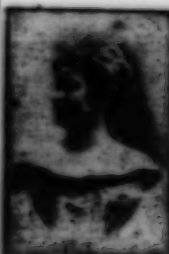
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